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                    (Marked Wilson Exhibit Nos. 1 - 7.)
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                       ANNE HOLLAND WILSON,
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    having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
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    BY MR. DAVIS:
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               Good morning, Ms. Wilson. Would you state
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    your full name for the record, please?
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         Α.
               Anne Holland Wilson.
               Ms. Wilson, we've met. I'm Paul Davis. I'll
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    be asking you some questions today. We'll get started.
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                    I've handed you some premarked exhibits,
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    1 through 7. Could you take a look at those? I think
    the first one is the notice of deposition. Are you
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    familiar with it?
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         Α.
               I've browsed it.
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              And we've requested some documents just to
    bring with you. Can you just give us an overview of
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    what, if anything, you brought with you today?
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               I believe there's a copy of each of my
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    reports --
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               Okay. Anything --
          Q.
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               -- that are clean copies. They're in the
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    binder there.
                    (Marked Wilson Exhibit Nos. 8 - 10.)
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- Q. And I know that Ed has provided me -- I'll go
- 2 ahead and give them to you -- Exhibits 8, 9, and 10.
- 3 A. Those are financial data on how much has been
- 4 invoiced and paid, as well as a rate sheet, since the
- 5 initiation last July.
- 6 Q. Okay. And I know that we're waiting on a
- 7 couple more pages to get copied for us. Can you just
- 8 give me a brief description of what those two pages are?
- 9 A. Yes. Those are some drafts, some notes I
- 10 took, as far as the standards in place, 1345, the
- 11 quality system and risk standards. Those are my notes,
- 12 as far as the dates.
- Q. I'll wait till we get those back to ask you a
- 14 couple more questions about that.
- 15 Can you confirm that Exhibit 2 is a copy
- of your TVTR report?
- MR. WALLACE: For Wave 1?
- MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry? For Wave 1 cases,
- 19 yeah. Thanks, Ed.
- 20 A. Yes, the date is correct.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And can you confirm that
- 22 Exhibit 3 is a copy of your TVTO report for the Wave 1
- 23 cases?
- 24 A. Yes.

- Q. And can you confirm that Exhibit 4 is a copy
- of your TVTS report for the Wave 1 cases?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And am I correct that you had the same three
- 5 exhibits attached to each one of those three reports?
- 6 A. I'd have to look. I know --
- 7 Q. If you need to go off the record and pull out
- 8 your own copy to confirm --
- 9 A. No, no, I don't need to do that. I just want
- 10 to check that they all say the same. There may be -- I
- 11 mean, this "Facts and Data Considered," I'm not sure I
- 12 have all of -- if they were separated by report or were
- 13 all put together as one. That's --
- Q. I mean, I'll just represent to you that I
- 15 tried -- I'm not saying I did a perfect job, but I tried
- 16 to put them side by side and look to see if they looked
- 17 the same. They looked the same to me; but if you don't
- 18 know, that's --
- 19 THE WITNESS: Do you know if the facts
- were all together or separated by product?
- MR. WALLACE: I mean, that's something --
- 22 A. That's one thing I can't remember.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Well --
- A. But, otherwise, yes, they are --

- 1 Q. Let me just --
- 2 A. Other than that one question I have, they are
- 3 all the same.
- Q. Okay. For instance, look at Exhibit No. 5.
- 5 Is that -- is that your CV?
- 6 A. Yes, it is.
- 7 Q. Did you use the same CV for all three reports?
- 8 A. I believe so.
- 9 Q. Is that your current CV -- or is that CV
- 10 current?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And if you'd look at Exhibit No. 6 for
- 13 a second, can you tell me what Exhibit 6 is?
- 14 A. This is like our -- it's actually from
- 15 ISO 14971.
- 16 O. Well --
- 17 A. This is very -- you can hardly read it. It's
- 18 a figure from that -- that standard.
- 19 Q. Is it fair to say that Exhibit 6 was labeled
- 20 as Exhibit 2 to each of your three reports?
- 21 A. I believe so.
- Q. Okay. And if you would for a moment, look at
- 23 Exhibit 7. Can you tell me what Exhibit 7 is?
- A. "Facts and Data Considered."

- 1 Q. Okay. So that would be a list of the facts
- 2 and data that you considered?
- 3 A. Yes, it is.
- 4 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 11.)
- 5 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now let me hand you
- 6 Exhibit 11 and see if you can just tell us formally for
- 7 the record: What is Exhibit 11?
- 8 A. It's a draft that has listed, on one column,
- 9 all of the standards that are used in the guidances; and
- 10 then it also lists the dates that they were released and
- 11 put into effect.
- 12 Q. Okay. And you called Exhibit 11 a draft. Is
- 13 that -- I mean, usually, the word "draft" means, to me,
- 14 that it may not be -- it may have some errors in it or
- it may not be complete or -- well, what does that mean
- 16 to you in this case?
- 17 A. This is a working document. This is just what
- 18 I worked on and what I worked from.
- 19 Q. Okay. Is it your belief that the information
- 20 shown on here is accurate?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Basically, it would be fair to
- 23 summarize it -- and you've got a list of various
- 24 standards, and you've got release dates and

- implementation dates and end dates?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. And what's the difference between a
- 4 release date and an implementation date?
- 5 A. That's notated on the bottom of the first
- 6 page. You can see that "Release Date" says "DAV,"
- 7 and the date -- "DAV" means "date of availability."
- 8 That's when the text was actually published, versus the
- 9 DOP. That's the implementation date. And that was
- 10 really when the date that the -- it has to be -- it says
- 11 right here it has to be implemented. So that's
- 12 basically when it starts to be used.
- 13 Q. Okay. And --
- 14 A. And then the --
- 15 Q. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 16 A. -- next column is when it's withdrawn or
- 17 superseded.
- 18 Q. Okay. When you say the implementation date is
- 19 the date that it -- a standard has to be used, who made
- 20 that decision?
- 21 A. I mean, often, there's a grace period. You
- 22 know, somethings's published; and it gives the industry
- 23 time to be prepared for implementation. So, many times,
- these guidances or standards are put out there and say,

- 1 "Okay. We're going to publish in 2003, but we're not
- 2 going to implement until 2006."
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. So that means everyone has to be ready,
- 5 prepared, and all changes have to be made by then.
- Q. And is it fair to say that all of these
- 7 standards on Exhibit 11 relate in some form or fashion
- 8 to the subject matter of quality systems for medical
- 9 devices?
- 10 A. All of these on the first page relate to risk
- 11 management. So --
- 12 Q. Okay. Isn't -- maybe I'm incorrect. Isn't
- 13 risk management a part of a quality system?
- 14 A. Right. But more specifically, I mean, there
- is a second page which is quality systems. That's why
- 16 I'm answering like that.
- 17 Q. Okay. So --
- 18 A. So you have your quality system standards on
- one page; and then you have a distinct set of risk
- 20 procedures or, you know, quidance documents and
- 21 standards on another page.
- Q. May I see your copy of Exhibit 11 just for a
- 23 second?
- A. Actually, I have three of the same thing.

- 1 Q. Oh, they were handed to me this way. I think
 - 2 I see --
 - A. Ah, this is in error.
- Q. -- what happened. Okay. Well, let's try to
- 5 correct it. I think what happened is this --
- MR. WALLACE: Why don't we work off of
- 7 this?
- 8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, if we could. This
- 9 would be much better for my eyes, too.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Well -- but let's also
- 11 try to make the exhibit correct. What happened is we
- 12 got three copies made, and they apparently handed them
- 13 to us as three of the same thing and then three of the
- 14 same thing; so you were looking at one page, and I was
- 15 looking at the other. So let me try to see if we can
- 16 correct that.
- 17 Let me hand you back Exhibit 11. Can you
- 18 tell me if Exhibit 11, as I'm now handing it to you, is
- 19 the complete two-page list of standards that you brought
- 20 with you today?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And the -- one page of the standards
- lists risk management standards; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes.

- Q. And just so the record will be clear, is that
- 2 the page that has -- the first entry on it, under the
- 3 column "Standard," the listing "GHTF/SG3/N15R8"?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 6 A. That is actually not a standard. It's a
- 7 guidance. But it does start like that.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- 9 A. So this is not just standards, and nor do they
- 10 all apply to these, because they're not all within this
- 11 time frame. It's just a general listing that I used for
- 12 my reference.
- Q. Okay. Other than -- you said the first entry
- 14 on the page I just read to you is a guidance. Are
- 15 the other entries on that page -- are they --
- do they relate to risk management standards?
- 17 A. They do relate to risk managements, and
- 18 they'll all guidance to industry on how to perform
- 19 medical device risk analysis.
- 20 Q. Okay. And then let's look at the other page
- of Exhibit 11. Is it fair to say the first entry on
- 22 that page is a standard ISO 13485:1996?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. How would you characterize all of the

- 1 standards listed on this page?
- 2 A. I would characterize these as a variety of
- 3 quality management system guidelines that tell the
- 4 fundamental requirements for any medical device.
- Q. Okay. Now, if we try to look at the big
- 6 picture for a second, is it fair -- would it be fair to
- 7 say that your three opinions relate to -- or I'm
- 8 sorry -- your three reports, rather. Pardon me.
- 9 Would it be fair to say that your three
- 10 reports relate to a discussion of Ethicon's quality
- 11 system and its risk management program?
- 12 A. No, I can't really say anything about the
- 13 entire quality system because I only looked at a small
- 14 part of the quality system, but -- the part relating to
- 15 design controls and risk management.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, these standards that you looked at
- 17 and evaluated in this case, as applicable to Ethicon, do
- 18 they relate to the concept of safety of medical devices?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 20 A. Safety is a key element of risk management.
- 21 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And would it be fair to
- 22 say that your reports express opinions to the effect
- 23 that Ethicon did not comply with industry standards that
- 24 relate to safety of medical devices?

- 1 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- A. My opinions were that -- that, in general,
- 3 Ethicon did not follow their own procedures, nor did
- 4 they follow the fundamental requirements for a medical
- 5 device manufacturer for risk management and design
- 6 control.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, you're not actually
- 8 opining, are you, that the TVT, TVTO, and TVTS devices
- 9 are not safe, are you?
- 10 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form. It's a
- 11 double negative.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, are you testifying -- or
- 13 strike that.
- 14 Did you form opinions in this case that
- 15 TVT, TVTO, or TVTS was not a safe device?
- 16 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 17 Let me just point one thing out. You
- 18 have three different reports here, and you're asking
- 19 about three different devices; and we have to be very
- 20 careful about which report we're referring to, if you're
- 21 asking her specific opinions about the TVTR report
- 22 because -- and, in fact, if we want to do an hour for
- 23 each report --
- MR. DAVIS: Well, see, here's my problem.

- 1 If we've got to do them all separate, then, frankly, I
- think I need nine hours, because, you know, I'm entitled
- 3 to --
- 4 MR. WALLACE: Well, we have an agreement
- on this issue. I'm not expecting you to move off your
- 6 agreement. But let me just point out, I just --
- 7 all I'm pointing out is I'm assuming we're going
- 8 to work together and you're going to try to be clear
- 9 about, if there is a report for you to refer to, you'll
- 10 ask her to refer to it.
- MR. DAVIS: Well, okay. I'll try to
- 12 get -- see if I get a different answer for each report.
- O. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let's do them one at a time.
- 14 For TVTR, does your TVTR report include
- opinions that TVTR is, in fact, unsafe?
- 16 A. No. I'm not a physician. What I've done is
- 17 I've worked with medical device manufacturers, their
- 18 CEOs. I've worked with design teams and quality
- 19 representatives. And what I'm opining about is that
- they didn't follow their own procedures to prevent
- 21 risks, nor did they follow standards out there that are
- 22 the fundamental minimum requirements that are -- that
- enable a manufacturer to prevent risks and, therefore,
- 24 prevent complaints and how you handle those risks as

- 1 they come back.
- Q. Now, if I ask you that same question about
- 3 TVTO, are you going to have the same answer?
- 4 A. Could you ask me that question again? I'm
- 5 sorry. I can't remember -- I was just focusing on --
- 6 Q. Does your report for TVTO include opinions
- 7 that TVTO is not safe?
- 8 A. No. Mine says that for the O, that was -- the
- 9 risk management was not conducted in a cohesive manner
- in accordance with their procedures.
- 11 Q. Okay. And, if you could, because time is
- important, just answer my question, because I didn't ask
- 13 you what your report does cover. I asked you -- or
- 14 other things. I asked you only about whether it
- 15 covers -- whether it opines that TVTO is not safe.
- 16 A. Of course.
- Q. So same question for TVTS. Does your TVTS
- 18 report include opinions that TVTS is not safe?
- 19 A. No.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. In fact, you would --
- 22 would you agree you're not qualified to express an
- opinion on whether any of those three devices are safe?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.

- 1 A. I believe I've already stated, and it's in my
- 2 report, that I am not a medical doctor; and I am not
- 3 ever going to state something that's a medical opinion.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now, can you -- is it
- 5 your opinion that Ethicon did not adequately consider
- 6 all of the harms associated with TVTR?
- 7 A. I'm sorry. Did you say "did not ever"? I
- 8 just --
- 9 Q. No, "did not adequately consider."
- 10 A. Is that my opinion? Yes.
- 11 Q. Okay. Please identify -- just give me a list
- of the harms that you've opined that Ethicon did not
- 13 adequately consider relating to TVTR.
- 14 A. I would need to look at my report, because I
- 15 don't have it all memorized.
- 16 MR. DAVIS: Let's go off the record.
- 17 When you're ready --
- 18 MR. WALLACE: I don't think we need to go
- 19 off the record for her just to consult her report.
- MR. DAVIS: If she's going to take -- use
- 21 up my time going through her report, you know --
- MR. WALLACE: Well, that's what you're
- 23 here to ask her about.
- MR. DAVIS: Well, I don't think it's fair

- 1 to require -- let her use up my time.
- MR. WALLACE: Well, you guys do that at
- 3 every deposition, though; so the playing field is going
- 4 to be the same.
- 5 A. So, for example, it says right here in
- 6 Table 17 -- or Page 17 that they -- one of the harms
- 7 they omitted was mesh degradation. They have complaints
- 8 about mesh fraying and roping, sheathe damage, erosion,
- 9 exposure, pain -- there are quite a few things that are
- in my report, specifically Section C, Section VI,
- 11 specifically calls out risks ignored by Ethicon.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) But right now, my question is
- 13 simply to give me a list of the harms that you've opined
- 14 that Ethicon did not adequately consider.
- 15 A. Okay. A risk has to do with harm.
- 16 Q. See, I'm not asking you about -- we're going
- 17 to get to risk in a minute. I'm asking only about --
- 18 only about harms right now. I want --
- 19 A. Degradation, mesh stiffness, roping, curling,
- 20 deforming, particle loss, difficulty removing.
- 21 Q. Okay. Can you provide me a definition -- or
- 22 your definition, rather -- of the term "harm"?
- A. A hazard is a potential source of harm. Just
- let me -- let me answer the question. A harm is an

- 1 injury to a person, an environment, and is quoted from
- 2 ISO 14971 and EN 1441. So --
- Q. Okay. Can you give me a complete list --
- 4 well, no. Strike that.
- 5 Does your report include opinions that
- 6 Ethicon did not adequately consider any hazards
- 7 associated with TVTR?
- 8 A. Did not adequately?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. Yes. They did not adequately.
- 11 Q. Okay. Can you give me just a list of the
- 12 hazards that you've opined that Ethicon did not
- 13 adequately consider --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) -- for TVTR?
- 16 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 17 A. A list of the hazards they did not adequately
- 18 consider. There were -- to my knowledge, prior to
- 19 introduction, they did not consider any design hazards.
- 20 So that would include all of the 11 hazards which are in
- 21 my report, as well as all of those I previously
- 22 mentioned, as well as the 11 that are in the report.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) When you say all those that
- 24 you previously mentioned, what -- you're referring to

- 1 your last answer?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. A hazard is a potential source of harm. You
- 5 asked about harm. Then you asked about hazards.
- Q. Yeah. Is it your opinion that "hazard" and
- 7 "harm" mean the same thing?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But they have a common element.
- 11 Q. Okay. I just -- for right now, I just want a
- 12 list of the hazards.
- 13 A. Okay. I'll find the list -- a list.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I want a list of the hazards
- that you've opined that Ethicon did not adequately
- 17 assess or consider relating to TVTR.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 19 A. Wrong mesh composition, mesh not cuttable,
- 20 over-tensioning of tape, postoperative erosion,
- 21 degradation, removal failure. Let me get some more from
- 22 my list in my report. There is vaginal extrusion,
- erosion of the urethra, perforation by the mesh,
- 24 infection of incision, urethral tear, mesh broken, torn

- 1 mesh, bent needle, mesh kinked, dull needle.
- Q. Okay. Is that a complete list?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 4 Her report's right in front of her. If
- 5 you're going to make this a memory test --
- MR. DAVIS: No.
- 7 MR. WALLACE: -- let's go on the record
- 8 and just say you want to make this a memory test. This
- 9 has nothing to do with the report.
- MR. DAVIS: No, she's got -- she's been
- 11 going through her report.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Have you given me a complete
- 13 list?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 That's --
- 16 A. I've given you a list of what's in the form --
- in my report.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Are there any other hazards
- 19 that you've opined that Ethicon did not adequately
- 20 consider relating to TVTR?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 22 and answered.
- A. I've presented what's in my report.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. How does fraying of

- 1 mesh harm a person?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 3 A. I am not a medical doctor. But what the
- 4 documentation has showed me, by reviewing the documents
- 5 in my exhibit list, is that fraying of the mesh can lead
- 6 to -- when you fray it, it can cause roping; and then it
- 7 can lead to urinary retention, and particles can cause
- 8 pain.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And have you
- 10 reviewed any clinical literature that reports what
- 11 you've just explained?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 13 and answered.
- 14 A. I have reviewed what's on my -- the list.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, just answer my question.
- 16 A. And, yes, there was a clinical review in
- 17 there.
- 18 Q. Okay. Let me ask you: What is a -- do you
- 19 know what the acronym "CER" stands for?
- 20 A. Clinical evaluation report. Is that what
- 21 you're asking?
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. Yeah.
- Q. What is a clinical evaluation report?

- 1 A. It depends on which company you're talking
- about; but, generally, it's when you look at the
- 3 literature. And it's a requirement that you look at the
- 4 literature and you evaluate what's happening with your
- 5 product and what -- your competitors' products and if
- 6 there's any new trends that are happening in the -- in
- 7 the literature regarding your product or like products.
- 8 Q. Are there any industry standards that relate
- 9 to clinical evaluation reports?
- 10 A. You know, I am not someone who does the
- 11 clinical evaluation reports; but there are known methods
- 12 used to do those. I couldn't cite which standards there
- 13 are.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. I hire people to do those.
- 16 Q. Would you agree that you're not qualified to
- 17 pass judgment on the sufficiency of a clinical
- 18 evaluation report?
- 19 A. I can tell you if they were performed -- if
- 20 they were performed, and I can tell you if there are
- 21 hazards or harms that were not included.
- Q. Have you reviewed any clinical evaluation
- 23 reports relating to TVTR?
- A. If they're on my list, I'm sure that I looked

- 1 at it; but I don't believe there's anything in my report
- 2 about clinical evaluation reports.
- Q. That was going to be my next question. In
- 4 your TVTR report -- let's take them one at a time -- is
- 5 there anything in there about clinical evaluation
- 6 reports?
- 7 A. You know, off the top of my head, I don't
- 8 recall. I don't believe so, no.
- 9 Q. Okay. And did you discuss clinical evaluation
- 10 reports in either your TVTO report or your TVTS report?
- 11 A. Without --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 13 A. Without reviewing them, my answer is "no."
- 14 I'm sure that I reviewed things, but I don't believe I
- 15 called them out and opined about them in my reports.
- 16 O. (BY MR. DAVIS) Is a clinical evaluation
- 17 report an important document to you or not --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) -- for the work you did in
- 20 this case?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 22 A. No, I'm looking primarily at their design
- 23 control documents, of which clinical evaluation reports
- 24 are not traditionally a part; and I'm looking at their

- 1 risk control documents, and then there could be some
- 2 clinical -- there should be some people that bring in
- 3 clinical information as part of that team. But I am not
- 4 the person that is opining about the evaluation of
- 5 clinicals. I am not a physician, as I've mentioned
- 6 several times already.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- 8 A. So I am not making medical judgments about the
- 9 clinical effectiveness.
- 10 Q. Are clinical evaluation reports part of the
- 11 risk management process?
- 12 A. Generally, they -- clinical people -- I just
- 13 answered that -- clinical people bring in information
- 14 for that team that does the risk management; but it is
- 15 not an output of the risk management process.
- 16 Q. Okay. Are you familiar -- well, let me ask it
- 17 this way: Who sets the standards for the safety of
- 18 medical devices in the United States?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 20 A. Each company is responsible for defining their
- 21 thresholds for safety for their products.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. But is there
- 23 a source for who sets the industry standards in
- 24 the United States that companies are expected to follow,

- 1 with respect --
- 2 A. No.
- Q. -- to the safety of medical devices?
- 4 Are there --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 6 O. (BY MR. DAVIS) Are there standards in the
- 7 United States for manufacturers to follow with respect
- 8 to ensuring the safety of medical devices?
- 9 A. That's a different question. I must not have
- 10 understood what you were asking the first time. Are
- 11 you -- could you -- are you -- what are you asking?
- 12 Could you repeat that? I must not have understood your
- 13 question.
- Q. If you don't understand the question, just say
- 15 so; and I'll --
- 16 A. I'm trying to say that now, sir.
- Q. Sure. That's fine. Let's ask a totally new
- 18 question.
- What is the role of the FDA, if any, with
- 20 respect to establishing safety standards for medical
- 21 devices in the United States?
- A. As I understand it, the FDA is out of the
- 23 scope of this whole project.
- Q. But that's not my question. Can you just

- 1 answer my question?
- MR. WALLACE: Well, ask it again.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) What role, if any, does the
- 4 FDA have in connection with setting standards for
- 5 ensuring the safety of medical devices in the United
- 6 States?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 8 This is well beyond the scope of the
- 9 report. Are you asking about the P&A process, as
- 10 well --
- MR. DAVIS: No.
- 12 MR. WALLACE: -- or just 510(k)?
- MR. DAVIS: No, I didn't ask about
- 14 510(k), not at all.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) That raises a question.
- 16 You've talked about design controls, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. You've expressed opinions about Ethicon's
- 19 compliance with design controls, right?
- 20 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Now, design controls are not part of the
- 22 510(k) process, are they?
- A. In order to have an effective 510(k), you need
- 24 to have design controls.

- Q. Let me ask it this way: Does 21 CFR Part 820
- 2 have anything to do with the 510(k) process?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 4 A. They are linked, sir.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, won't you agree with me
- 6 that 21 CFR Part 820 relates specifically to design
- 7 controls, among other things?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 9 A. You know, the FDA is -- like I've already
- 10 stated, is outside the scope of this report; but I will
- 11 say that the 820 regulations and the 13485 regulations
- 12 are very aligned and cover the same materials. They
- 13 cover the same design control elements. Additionally,
- 14 ISO 14971 is a recognized, harmonized standard by the
- 15 FDA. So they're well aligned. They do not -- they
- 16 cover the same areas, and they do not contradict each
- 17 other.
- 18 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 12.)
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'll hand you Exhibit 12. Are
- 20 you familiar with Exhibit 12?
- 21 A. Of course. That's referenced -- well, let's
- 22 see what version this is. The 2007 version. Yes, I'm
- 23 very familiar with that.
- 24 Q. Of ISO 14971, correct?

- 1 A. Yes.
- Q. And with respect to your opinions in your TVTR
- 3 report, what standards were you opining that Ethicon was
- 4 not complying with?
- 5 A. Well, this standard wasn't even applicable to
- 6 the TVTR; so it would not be this one. If you look in
- 7 my report, it was ISO 9001; and then there's a medical
- 8 device supplement, so to speak, that's called EN 46001.
- 9 Those were both in effect at the time of the TVTR
- 10 design. And there's an EN 1441 that related to risk
- 11 management.
- Q. Well, are you saying your TVTR report doesn't
- opine that Ethicon failed to comply with any part of
- 14 Exhibit 12?
- A. What I'm saying is, at the time of the device
- 16 design and release, the applicable standards were the
- 17 ones I just mentioned.
- Q. Okay. But, see, I'm asking a broader question
- 19 right now. Have you expressed opinions --
- 20 A. These weren't out, so how could I express
- 21 opinions about them?
- Q. Then why is Exhibit 12 mentioned in your TVTR
- 23 report?
- A. Well, because what we were saying is there are

- 1 standards; and there have been -- continuously have been
- 2 standards. And it started as early as 1959, back in
- 3 MIL-STD-9858; and it goes through this date. That was
- 4 the purpose of it being in that report.
- Q. Can you -- you've mentioned a MIL-STD. Am I
- 6 correct?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay. Can you tell us what that is?
- 9 A. Yes. It's a quality management system
- 10 standard that was used in the military and for medical
- 11 devices and universally way back in 19 -- when I was
- 12 learning quality 30 years ago.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 13.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 13.
- 16 Is Exhibit 13 the standard you just referred to?
- 17 A. I believe it is.
- Q. Okay. And is there any reference to medical
- 19 company -- or device applications in that standard?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 21 A. It is a general standard; and the scope states
- that it applies to all supplies, equipment, subsystems,
- and systems or services when referenced by a
- 24 specification, contract, or order.

- So, in fact, I actually worked on
- 2 high-level quadriplegic wheelchairs back around 30 years
- 3 ago, as well as military components; and we used the
- 4 same standard back then for quality management systems.
- 5 So this is not industry-specific, but it's used -- it
- 6 was used because it's the predecessor of other
- 7 standards.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now -- so does
- 9 Exhibit 12 have any bearing on your TVTR report?
- 10 A. Let's go back to what that was.
- 11 Q. ISO 14971:2007, does it have any bearing at
- 12 all on your TVTR report?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Can you just tell me why you mentioned
- 15 it in your report?
- 16 A. I've already told you that, but I'll be glad
- 17 to do it again.
- 18 Q. Okay. If you've given me a complete answer,
- 19 that's fine.
- Now let's talk about TVTO. Do you have
- opinions on TVTO that Ethicon didn't comply with any
- 22 part of Exhibit 12, ISO 14971:2007 version?
- A. I'm just thinking of the time frames. For
- 24 TVTO, I discussed both the 2000 and the 2007 version. I

- 1 believe I footnote them both. Let me double-check,
- 2 please. Yes, I do. Both -- I do refer to the 2007
- 3 version there.
- Q. But you refer to the 2007 version in your TVTR
- 5 report, also, right?
- 6 A. In the section about -- this is a list of
- 7 standards; and for history's sake, there are lists of
- 8 standards. But you asked me if I opined about them, I
- 9 thought.
- 10 Q. Okay. Let me --
- 11 A. I'm sorry. I'm trying to answer your question
- 12 specifically.
- Q. And I'll try to get more clear.
- 14 For the TVTO device --
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. -- what sections of Exhibit 12 are you opining
- 17 that Ethicon failed to comply with?
- A. Well, for the TVTO, they certainly -- I'm
- 19 pretty sure they're footnoted, but they certainly -- to
- just start right off, under 3.2, "Management
- 21 responsibilities."
- Q. Okay. What else?
- 23 A. The section that says that you must
- 24 continually go back and do this throughout the life

- 1 cycle of the product. You have to assess and evaluate
- 2 risks and update your risk management throughout the
- 3 whole lifetime of your process. Do you want me to find
- 4 the sections for you?
- 5 Q. Yeah. Do you know?
- A. I don't have the sections memorized.
- 7 Q. Well -- but you --
- 8 A. But I can look in my report. I just didn't
- 9 want to take up time. But --
- 10 Q. I don't think you'll find it in your report,
- 11 but please look and see if you find it in your report.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 13 A. I also -- what was the question? You said I
- 14 objected to the -- or I opined in the report about the
- 15 fact that it was not done as a system, and it was done
- 16 piecemeal. That's in here, too. So if you want to
- 17 check section by section, it's going to take me a little
- 18 bit.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) All I'm asking right now is
- 20 just to tell me which provisions of Exhibit 12 --
- 21 A. I'm telling you the provision. I can't call
- 22 out the section numbers.
- MR. WALLACE: You're interrupting her
- 24 now.

- 1 MR. DAVIS: No, she interrupted me. I
- 2 was still asking my question. She interrupted me.
- MR. WALLACE: No.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Ed, in all due respect,
- 5 she -- I was asking a question, and she cut me off.
- 6 MS. FITZPATRICK: Look, I'm watching
- 7 this. You've cut her off in every answer. Just let her
- 8 answer the question, and we'll get out of here quickly.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: I respectfully disagree.
- MR. WALLACE: Okay. Go ahead and ask
- 11 your question. Just --
- 12 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Please simply tell me the
- 13 sections of Exhibit 12 that you've opined that Ethicon
- 14 failed to comply with, with respect to TVTO.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 16 A. 3.2 --
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) You've already answered that.
- 18 A. -- 3.3, 3.4, 4.2, 4.3, 4.1 -- sorry, I went
- 19 out of order there -- 4.4, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.7, 9. Shall
- 20 I go through the annexes, as well?
- 21 Q. I just asked you -- no. Have you finished
- 22 going through the actual standard?
- A. There you go.
- Q. Okay. Now, a minute ago, I believe you said

- 1 that -- I don't want to put words in your mouth, so you
- 2 can correct me -- I believe you said something to the
- 3 effect that one of the problems with TVTO is their FMEA
- 4 did not examine it on a system level. Or can you
- 5 explain what you were meaning?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 7 A. Could you -- could you clarify your question,
- 8 please?
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) You used the word "system" a
- 10 minute ago.
- 11 A. Right.
- Q. Can you just tell me what you were referring
- 13 to?
- 14 A. Oh. The system is the whole of the device.
- 15 It's not the parts. So the system would include the
- instruments on the O. It would be the helical passers,
- 17 the winged guide. It would include the packaging, the
- 18 tie-back lid stock. It would include the
- 19 sterilization -- or, excuse me. I take that back. The
- 20 system would -- would not include that.
- But it would be presented as a sterile
- 22 pack so that -- as part of the system, how it's
- 23 presented. So it is everything taken together,
- including the mesh, the method of installation, so in a

- 1 transobturator approach. All of those together go in to
- 2 form a system. That's the top level.
- Q. Okay. And you're saying that Ethicon's FMEA
- 4 didn't do that?
- 5 A. No, it did not.
- 6 Q. Okay. And can you show me in the standard,
- 7 14971, where there's a requirement to do this system
- 8 approach that you just described?
- 9 A. I'd be glad to.
- 10 Q. Yes, thank you.
- 11 A. I believe the appropriate -- do you want me to
- 12 show you in the 2007 one?
- Q. Well, you tell me whichever standard you're
- 14 relying on.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 16 A. I will be glad to. I'm sure it's footnoted
- 17 somewhere here. The appropriate one initially, during
- 18 the design, would be the 2000 version. That's why I --
- 19 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 14.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Please look at Exhibit 14. Is
- 21 Exhibit 14 the version you just referred to?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- You mean the 2000 version?
- 24 A. This does say --

- 1 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Is Exhibit 14 the 2000 version
- of ISO 14971 that you just referred to?
- A. It's -- no, it's not. It's an ANSI/AAMI/ISO
- 4 version, but the actual -- it's fine to use. I'd be
- 5 glad to use it.
- Q. Well, other than the title page, aren't the
- 7 standards the same?
- 8 A. I just want to be clear for the record that
- 9 it's not what you called out.
- 10 Q. But now answer my question.
- 11 A. I'm working on it.
- 12 Q. No. I've got --
- MR. WALLACE: Paul, you just --
- 14 A. You want the --
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) No, I haven't gotten to that
- 16 one yet. I haven't asked that question yet for this
- 17 2000 version.
- 18 A. Could you repeat your question, please?
- 19 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- Is the substance of the contents of
- 21 Exhibit 14, the 2000 version of ISO 14971, on which you
- 22 relied for your TVTO report?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 24 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Thank you. Now I'll ask the
- 2 question. Please identify --
- 3 A. It is one of them.
- 4 Q. Okay. Now please identify the provision of
- 5 Exhibit 14 where it requires this system approach to the
- 6 FMEA.
- 7 A. This is very hard to read, it's so light.
- 8 So -- so what they call -- it is a device. A device is
- 9 the entirety of a device. It is not a component. That
- 10 is right in Section 3.1 at the very -- and 3.2. They
- 11 shall establish and maintain a process for identifying
- 12 hazards associated with a medical device.
- Q. Okay. And did they somehow, in your opinion,
- 14 suddenly change that standard in moving to the 2007
- 15 version of ISO 14971?
- 16 A. No. They both --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 18 A. -- apply to a device.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And -- so let's go back
- 20 to Exhibit 12 for just a minute. Can you turn to
- 21 Page 9?
- A. (Complying).
- Q. You see Section -- right above Section 4.2 is
- the carryover part of Section 4.1 that you, a few

- 1 minutes ago, said that Ethicon did not comply with, with
- 2 respect to TVTO. Do you recall that?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 4 A. I was looking where you said.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you recall that a few
- 6 minutes ago, you opined that Section 4.1 of Exhibit 12
- 7 is one of the sections that Ethicon failed to comply
- 8 with, with respect to TVTO?
- 9 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 10 and answered.
- 11 Her testimony is what it is.
- 12 A. If that's what I said, then that's what I
- 13 said. I believe so.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Let's look at Note 5.
- 15 Do you see where Note 5 says: "The scope of the risk
- 16 analysis can be very broad, "parenthesis, "as for the
- 17 development of a new device with which a manufacturer
- 18 has little or no experience, "close parenthesis, "or the
- 19 scope can be limited, "parenthesis, "as for analyzing
- 20 the impact of a change to an existing device for which
- 21 much information already exists in the manufacturer's
- 22 files, " close parenthesis, unquote.
- Did I read that correctly?
- A. You read Note 5 correctly.

- Q. And do you apply Note 5 in your practice?
- 2 A. In fact, this is a very important
- 3 consideration, yes.
- 4 Q. So you agree that a -- that if you make a
- 5 change to a device, you can have a very limited FEMA,
- 6 right?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 8 A. No, I do not agree with that. If you make a
- 9 change to the -- a device that's a whole new surgical
- 10 approach -- new instruments, new attachment method, new
- 11 way of installing it -- that is a whole new device that
- 12 says, right here, the scope can be broad as for the
- development of a new device which has little or no
- 14 experience.
- For the TVTO, there was no -- little or no
- 16 experience; and the device was not the same. So it
- 17 tells me exactly as I applied it to my report.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) What parts of the TVTO system
- 19 were not included in the risk analysis?
- A. Well, one would be the mesh and how it's
- 21 attached. They started just doing it with a -- it's
- 22 right here in the report. As you can see in the
- 23 table -- I believe it's Table 1 -- they didn't even do a
- 24 design FMEA on the design of the device. So --

- 1 Q. My last question was simply: First, tell me
- 2 what components of the system --
- 3 A. The mesh.
- Q. -- did they not -- any others?
- 5 A. The attachment mechanism to the mesh.
- Q. What do you mean by that?
- 7 A. Let's just look at my -- let's look at the
- 8 differences. So they didn't consider the mesh at all.
- 9 Q. You've told me about the mesh three times.
- 10 Are there any others?
- 11 A. Just give me a moment, please, sir. So what
- they didn't do is look at how the system works together.
- 13 So -- please let me finish -- you can't say -- one, you
- 14 can't say that the components equal to the sum of the
- 15 parts. That's the false logic. You cannot say because
- 16 you looked at a little dib (sic) over here and a little
- dabble over here, that when you put them together, it
- 18 will work. And that is what I've been trying to state.
- 19 They did not look at those changes that were different.
- MR. WALLACE: Do you want me to help you
- 21 cut to the chase?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, because --
- MR. DAVIS: Sure.
- MR. WALLACE: (Indicating).

- 1 THE WITNESS: Right there, yeah. Thank
- 2 you. I knew it was in here somewhere.
- 3 A. So they didn't look at the technique, the
- 4 surgical technique, and how it was fixated. They didn't
- 5 look at how it was implanted. I mentioned those,
- 6 through the obturator membrane. They didn't look how
- 7 the change to the mesh ends and how that would work with
- 8 the helical passers and the winged guide and how that
- 9 would work, to the needles connected on the delivery
- 10 system. So --
- 11 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Will you agree that the
- 12 2007 version of ISO 14971 includes a discussion of some
- 13 examples of risk analysis techniques?
- 14 A. In the annex?
- 15 O. Yes.
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And could you turn to that? Do you see
- 18 Annex G?
- MR. WALLACE: And after this, we're going
- 20 to take a break.
- MR. DAVIS: Sure.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you see -- well, first of
- 23 all, is there any provision anywhere in ISO 14971 that
- 24 requires the use of an FMEA to do a risk analysis? Is

- 1 that anywhere in the ISO?
- 2 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Is it in any standard that applies to
- 4 Ethicon? Any industry standard, I'm talking about. Is
- 5 there any industry standard that requires the FMEA
- 6 approach to risk analysis?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 8 A. That tool is not a requirement.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now -- and do you see
- 10 where, in Annex G of Exhibit 12, they do give a general
- 11 description of what an FMEA is, correct?
- 12 A. Yes. And Ethicon has chosen the FMEA to be
- 13 their tool to do risk analysis. It's in their
- 14 procedures.
- 15 Q. They chose that at certain times, correct?
- 16 A. They've chosen that -- it was throughout the
- 17 life of these products.
- 18 Q. Okay. Throughout the life of TVTR?
- 19 A. In each of these cases, it talks about the
- 20 procedures.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- A. And that was the only tool of these that were
- used.
- Q. Okay. And would you agree that an FMEA is a

- 1 technique by which you look at the effect of individual
- 2 components systematically?
- 3 A. You look at -- no.
- Q. Okay. How would you describe an FMEA? What
- 5 is -- describe that technique.
- A. You look at the failures associated with any
- 7 failure modes that can happen with a device. It could
- 8 be with a component, but it doesn't have to be. It's a
- 9 systematic --
- 10 Q. I'm going to stop at one more question.
- 11 A. It's a systemic approach to look at how a
- 12 device can fail --
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. -- and rank that failure in severity and
- 15 probability of occurrence.
- Q. Would you agree that in an FMEA, that
- 17 technique involves taking one component at a time and
- 18 evaluating it?
- 19 A. No, you do not need to do it that way.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay. We can take a break.
- 21 (Break from 10:58 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.)
- 22 O. (BY MR. DAVIS) I can't remember if I asked
- this specific question already, so I want to make sure
- 24 I've got it.

- 1 Back to clinical evaluation reports. I
- 2 can't remember. Are they a part of the risk management
- 3 process?
- 4 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 5 A. I believe I already stated for the record that
- 6 they are not an output of the risk management process.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now, if you would,
- 8 please turn to -- back to Exhibit 12, ISO 14971:2007.
- 9 Could you turn to Page 22 for a moment, please, ma'am?
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. Do you see Section A.2.9?
- 12 A. I see it.
- Q. And then about halfway down in that paragraph,
- 14 that first paragraph in that section, there's a sentence
- 15 that starts with the word "however." Can you find that
- 16 sentence?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Do you see where it says, quote: "However, no
- 19 amount of modeling can substitute for an actual medical
- 20 device in the hands of actual users. Therefore, the
- 21 manufacturer should monitor production and
- 22 post-production information for data and information
- that can affect their risk estimates and, consequently,
- 24 their risk management decisions. The manufacturer

- 1 should also take into account state-of-the-art
- 2 considerations and the practicability of applying them,"
- 3 unquote.
- 4 Did I read that part correctly?
- 5 A. Yes, you did.
- Q. Do you agree with that principle that I've
- 7 just read?
- 8 A. Absolutely.
- 9 Q. Okay. And are you -- do you know what the
- 10 state of the art is -- strike that.
- Back at the time TVTO was developed, do
- 12 you know what the state of the art was for SUI
- 13 treatment?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 A. That question has no bearing on that
- 16 Section 829. What this is saying is that the
- 17 post-production information has to be incorporated into
- 18 your risk management process; and, yes, I do agree with
- 19 that statement.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And what does "state of
- 21 the art" mean, as stated in this paragraph?
- 22 A. The state of the art, I believe, is defined
- 23 here. It is like current -- in accordance with current
- 24 technology.

- 1 Q. Okay. If you turn to Page 39, do you see they
- 2 actually define "state of the art"?
- 3 A. I knew it was in here somewhere. I didn't
- 4 know what page. Let's see. Where is it here?
- 5 Q. I don't think you're on the correct page.
- 6 Page 39.
- 7 A. 39.
- 8 Q. You see at the bottom of Page 39, they
- 9 actually define, quote, "State of the art," unquote, "is
- 10 used here to mean what is currently and generally
- 11 accepted as good practice, " unquote.
- 12 A. Okay.
- 13 Q. Do you accept that definition?
- 14 A. Of course.
- Q. Okay. And have you gone back, as part of your
- 16 work in this case, and tried to understand what was the
- 17 state of the art back at the time of the development of
- 18 TVTO?
- 19 A. With respect to risk management practices,
- 20 yes.
- Q. Okay. In any other respect?
- 22 A. In respect to design control, yes.
- Q. Okay. Any other aspects of state of the art
- 24 that you tried to understand what it was at that time?

- 1 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 2 A. Those are the topics that I've been asked to
- 3 talk about, so that's what I reviewed.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Do you have any
- 5 experience in making benefit/risk determinations?
- 6 A. Personally, I do not.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. We usually get the clinicians to do that part
- 9 after the risk management is done, and that's what's --
- 10 it's in accordance with the standards.
- 11 Q. Okay. Do you have any education, training, or
- 12 experience that would allow you to evaluate someone
- 13 else's benefit/risk analysis?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 A. You know, I do. I've worked in quality
- 16 regulatory risk management. I've worked in over a dozen
- 17 different kinds of implantable medical devices. So I do
- 18 know what's generally accepted and what was done in
- 19 2003. I lived it. I've looked at a lot of different
- 20 medical device, implantable device companies. And so I
- 21 think I'm fairly well acquainted with what's appropriate
- 22 for our risk/benefit decision back in that time frame,
- and how it's changed over time.
- 24 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 15.)

- 1 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 15.
- 2 Are you familiar with this guidance issued by the FDA?
- A. You know what? I am not. This is a 2012
- 4 standard. So I believe I've seen it. I have not -- it
- 5 depends when you say "familiar." I've seen it, but I
- 6 haven't memorized it.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. And it certainly wasn't applicable at the time
- 9 of the TVTO.
- Q. Well, for just a moment on Exhibit 15, if you
- 11 would, turn to Page 14.
- MR. WALLACE: Do me a favor. Oh, you
- 13 gave me --
- MR. DAVIS: Yeah.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you see on Page 14 of that
- 16 exhibit, they begin a list of several pages of examples
- for -- examples of benefit/risk determinations?
- MR. WALLACE: You know this is a 55-page
- 19 document. Do you want her to read the whole thing?
- MR. DAVIS: No.
- 21 A. And it's an FDA document which is out of the
- 22 scope.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I asked you a very simple
- 24 question.

- 1 A. Okay. I'm not on Page 14. Hold on. Go
- 2 ahead.
- Q. Do you see at the beginning on Page 14, it
- 4 simply lists several examples of benefit/risk
- 5 determinations?
- 6 MR. WALLACE: Are you referring to the
- 7 one example?
- 8 A. There is --
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I said over the next several
- 10 pages, there's examples to --
- 11 A. I thought you said on Page 14.
- 12 Q. I said it begins.
- MR. WALLACE: No, you didn't.
- MR. DAVIS: Well, the record is what it
- 15 is.
- 16 A. Okay.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'm not -- I have no plans to
- 18 go into detailed questions about these. I'm just asking
- 19 right now: Do you see that they list some examples?
- 20 A. There is an example on Page 14, an example
- on 16. Looks like a third example is on 17. So I do
- see three examples over the next few pages.
- 23 Q. Well --
- A. Oh, there's some more, an example on Page 19.

- 1 Q. Okay. So my follow-up question is: In your
- 2 practice, do you ever have occasion to need to look at
- 3 FDA guidance documents?
- 4 A. We look at them all the time.
- 5 Q. Okay. And do you rely upon FDA guidelines
- 6 documents?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: For what?
- 8 Objection to form.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) For any purpose.
- 10 A. How does that relate to my reports here?
- 11 Q. You don't need to worry about that,
- 12 Ms. Wilson. Just --
- 13 A. I believe --
- 14 MR. WALLACE: I wouldn't take advice from
- 15 Mr. Davis. But go ahead and answer the question, if
- 16 there's a question pending.
- 17 A. I look at FDA quidance documents all the time.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And do you have
- 19 occasion to rely on them?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 21 and answered.
- 22 A. They're guidance, and we use them as guidance.
- 23 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Have you worked on a
- team that used FDA guidance documents in connection with

- benefit/risk analyses?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- A. What I already stated was we generally rely on
- 4 the clinician to perform them, but we would use the
- 5 quidance documents. And I have not personally done that
- 6 because I have a regulatory person on my team. And
- 7 that's not within the scope of what I've been asked to
- 8 do.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Do you have any
- 10 expertise in the technology relating to the TVT, TVTR,
- 11 and TVTO and TVTS?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 13 A. Could you clarify what you mean by
- "technology," please?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, the underlying
- 16 technology behind TVT products, do you have any
- 17 expertise in it?
- 18 A. I don't know. If you're talking about -- for
- 19 example, I do have knowledge of medical material
- 20 molding. Or are you talking about knitting or cutting?
- 21 So if you could be -- or all of the above, if that's --
- Q. Okay. Do you have any expertise in the
- 23 application of TVT devices?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.

- 1 A. No.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you have --
- 3 A. I've never installed one.
- 4 Q. Do you have any expertise in the research
- 5 methodology for performing a clinical evaluation?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 7 A. I thought we already covered clinical
- 8 evaluations, and that I am not a physician. I am not a
- 9 design engineer. So I am not going to be able to talk
- 10 about either of those categories, and it is so footnoted
- 11 in my reports.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you have any expertise in
- the diagnosis or management of stress urinary
- 14 incontinence?
- 15 A. That is what a physician does.
- Q. Okay. Would you agree that it's beyond the
- 17 scope of your three reports for you to attempt to opine
- 18 that any of the risks associated with TVTR, TVTO, or
- 19 TVTS are unacceptable?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 21 A. I can tell you very -- with much confidence
- 22 whether the risk management process or the design
- 23 control process have been performed correctly; and, yes,
- 24 I feel very comfortable.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) But that's not my question.
- MR. DAVIS: Just read back my question,
- 3 please.
- 4 (The requested portion was read.)
- 5 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- A. No. I believe it is stated in my report that
- 7 these risks are unacceptable because they are in the
- 8 field, causing harm.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. But you're not
- 10 qualified -- or strike that.
- 11 What is the purpose of a benefit/risk
- 12 analysis?
- 13 A. What you do -- it depends what time frame.
- 14 Are you talking about 2000 or 2007 --
- 15 O. Let's talk about 2000.
- 16 A. -- or 2012?
- Q. 2000. Let's start there.
- 18 A. So you do your risk management process using
- 19 whatever tool is selected, and it's up to each company
- 20 to select a tool -- Ethicon chose FMEA -- and they have
- 21 to choose the threshold. And based on that threshold,
- if there's something that exceeds those thresholds, you
- 23 have to say, "Okay. Now does the benefit outweigh the
- 24 risk?"

- Q. But that's not -- my question was simply --
- 2 A. That was your question, sir.
- Q. No. My question was: What is the purpose of
- 4 a benefit/risk analysis?
- 5 A. That was the purpose, to see if you've matched
- 6 your -- once you've exceeded your self-defined
- 7 threshold, to see if the benefit of that device
- 8 exceeds -- excuse me -- if the benefit exceeds the
- 9 risks. That is exactly what the purpose is.
- 10 Q. What was the purpose of a benefit/risk
- 11 analysis in 2007?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 13 A. It is the same. It changes in 2012, where you
- 14 have to do it differently.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. What was the purpose of
- benefit/risk assessment as of 2012?
- 17 A. Then you have to -- in 2012, they changed it.
- 18 So you can't look at it holistically. You have to look
- 19 at it by failure, by failure. So you can't say, "Is the
- 20 overall benefit for this device still outweighed?" You
- 21 have to say, "Oh, is the benefit for this" -- say,
- 22 degradation -- "is that still outweighed?" You have to
- 23 say, "Boy, we can't get the implant out. So is that
- 24 still" -- so you have to look step by step in 2012.

- 1 Q. And what document are you referring to now?
- 2 A. The 2012 14971 standard.
- Q. And that has not been recognized as a
- 4 consistent standard in the United States, has it?
- 5 A. It certainly is used throughout the world. It
- 6 has not been recognized in -- in the United States.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 16.)
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 16.
- 10 Have you ever seen Exhibit 16?
- 11 A. 2013? You know, I don't recall, honestly,
- 12 because I don't think any of my reports even go to 2013,
- 13 except where there was a footnote. But nothing in --
- 14 nothing in O would go out that far. I could spend some
- 15 time -- let's see if it's footnoted.
- 16 Q. Ma'am, I'll represent to you it's not
- 17 footnoted in your report.
- 18 A. Yeah. And, you know, I don't -- I don't
- 19 recall. If you want me to go through it --
- Q. No, I'm not -- I'm just asking you: Do you
- 21 ever remember seeing --
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Okay. And if you would, turn to Page 283 of
- 24 335 of that exhibit.

- 1 MR. WALLACE: So she's saying that -- she
- 2 said that she doesn't recall seeing it, yet you're still
- 3 going to ask her questions about this 335-page document?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: You haven't even heard the
- 5 question yet, Ed. Just please be patient.
- 6 MR. WALLACE: I'll give you one.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) On this page, you see there's
- 8 a reference -- a list of reference documents. You see
- 9 the reference guidelines on "Medical Devices -
- 10 Evaluation of Clinical Data"?
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- O. And it refers to MedDev 2.7.1.
- 13 A. Yeah. There's a whole bunch of MedDev
- 14 standards out there.
- 15 O. What are the MedDev standards?
- 16 A. They're guidance documents in Europe.
- Q. Okay. Are you familiar with this particular
- 18 one?
- 19 A. No. I think I've stated on numerous
- 20 occasions, I don't evaluate clinical data personally;
- 21 nor was it the scope of this report.
- 22 Q. Okay. I believe you did cite a MedDev
- 23 quidance document in your report.
- A. I did. I did. And that was about post-market

- 1 surveillance. You're absolutely correct.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 17.)
- 4 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Given your last answers, I
- 5 won't spend much time on this; but can you see that
- 6 Exhibit 17 is the MedDev document that's referred to as
- 7 the first entry on Page 283 of Exhibit 16?
- 8 A. 283, you said?
- 9 Q. Yes, ma'am.
- 10 A. The titles are not exactly the same, but it
- looks to be the same standard due to the number.
- 12 Q. I mean, you can see it's the MedDev 2.7.1.
- 13 A. Right. That's what I just stated.
- Q. Okay. And you see the -- on that same page,
- 15 283, do you see the next entry is referencing a GHTF
- 16 document? Do you know what the "GHTF" stands for?
- 17 A. Yes, Global Harmonized (sic) Task Force.
- 18 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 18.)
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Can you tell us, does
- 20 Exhibit 18 appear to be the Global Harmonization Task
- 21 Force document that is the second entry on that page of
- 22 Exhibit 16?
- 23 A. It does.
- Q. And are you familiar with that exhibit, 18?

- 1 A. As I've stated before, I don't personally do
- 2 clinical evaluations; so I am not familiar with this
- 3 exact guidance.
- Q. Okay. Are you -- do you have any experience
- 5 in the use of ISO 14155?
- A. What's that number? What's the title that
- 7 goes with that?
- 8 Q. Let me just hand it to you.
- 9 A. That would be handy.
- 10 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 19.)
- 11 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'll hand you Exhibit 19.
- 12 A. You know, I believe I've seen this one before;
- 13 but it hasn't been recently.
- Q. Okay. Well, I'll represent to you that
- 15 Annex A to Exhibit 19 -- if you'll turn to Page 15 of
- 16 the document, I'll represent to you that it is a
- 17 reference material in ISO 14971. Do you recall that?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 19 A. There are many references. No, I don't recall
- 20 it.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. If you would, turn back
- 22 to Exhibit 12 again.
- A. Let's see here. 12, that should be the 14971
- 24 document, 2007, right?

- 1 MR. WALLACE: You got it?
- THE WITNESS: No, this is 2000,
- 3 Exhibit 14. Is that under here?
- 4 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I tell you what. We can
- 5 just --
- A. I've got it. It's right here, I think. 12.
- 7 All right. I've found 12.
- 8 Q. If you look at Page 80 --
- 9 A. Okay. Yes.
- 10 Q. -- do you see Entry No. 10 on Page 80? They
- 11 list ISO 14155.
- 12 A. Yes. That's one of 42 references in the
- 13 standard.
- Q. And I simply want to make sure that I
- 15 understand correctly. Now, do you have any experience
- in the use and application of this ISO, Exhibit 19?
- 17 A. Let me try to be very clear. As part of a
- 18 risk/benefit decision, you will get clinicians to help
- 19 you with that. The clinicians would -- and regulatory
- 20 folks would refer to something like this, but I don't
- 21 personally use that standard.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 20.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 20.

- 1 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Are you familiar with that clinical evaluation
- 3 report?
- A. 2010, the TVT -- you know, I really just don't
- 5 recall.
- Q. Okay.
- 7 A. Because --
- 8 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 21.)
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 21.
- 10 Are you familiar with that clinical --
- MR. WALLACE: Are you done with 20?
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, sir. I gave you a copy,
- 13 if you want it.
- A. What's the date of this? 2000? I do remember
- 15 reviewing this one.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. You can see where the
- 17 doctor is performing a risk/benefit analysis, right --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- in Exhibit 21? Okay.
- 20 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 22.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 22.
- 22 Are you familiar with this clinical expert report?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 24 A. Yes, I recall this one.

- 1 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And, again, since
- you're not a medical doctor, would it be fair to say you
- 3 have not tried to opine on this report?
- 4 A. I have not opined on that specific report.
- 5 Q. In your work in this case, did you make any
- 6 inquiries to see if there were any risk analyses for the
- 7 Prolene mesh that Ethicon manufactures?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Did you -- did you look
- 11 at any risk analysis of the -- of just the Prolene mesh?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 13 A. There was a PFMEA done by Ethicon on the mesh.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. That's a Process FMEA?
- 15 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you -- and why did you want to look at
- 17 that?
- 18 A. Because it has to do with the overall risk
- 19 analysis.
- Q. Okay. Did you ask for any design FMEAs
- 21 relating to just the Prolene mesh?
- 22 A. I asked for any and all documents related to
- 23 risk, whether it was design, application, process,
- 24 summary reports, anything -- anything to do like that.

- Q. Okay. And you know that Ethicon has used
- different formats, sometimes FMEA and sometimes other
- 3 formats for this analysis?
- 4 A. Well, they have DDSA. The only tool that was
- 5 used to systematically analyze risk, that I saw used,
- 6 was an FMEA.
- 7 Q. Okay. But is it fair to say that you asked
- 8 for all --
- 9 A. Any and all.
- 10 Q. -- risk analysis documents that relate to the
- 11 Prolene mesh in general?
- 12 A. I think I just answered that three times, sir.
- Q. The answer is "yes"?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And why was that important to you?
- 16 A. Because that's part of each of the systems or
- 17 devices.
- 18 Q. Okay. And did you -- were you provided any
- 19 risk analysis documents dated prior to 1999?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 21 A. What product are we talking about now?
- 22 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Prolene mesh in general.
- 23 A. The --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.

- 1 A. -- only document prior to 1999 was the AFMEA
- done by MedScan, which was also called the Preventia.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- A. Oh, wait. 1999. Let's see. That's when they
- 5 moved it over.
- 6 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 23.)
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Let me hand you
- 8 Exhibit 23. Would you agree that you have not reviewed
- 9 this risk analysis document before today?
- 10 A. Let me take a look. Okay?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 12 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Sure.
- MR. WALLACE: And it assumes facts not in
- 14 evidence. So you have -- well, go ahead.
- Object to form.
- 16 A. This is -- when I said I looked at it, I meant
- 17 for TVT product, mesh related to TVT.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) My questions for the last five
- 19 minutes -- I asked you very clearly about just Prolene
- 20 mesh in general.
- 21 A. Well --
- MR. WALLACE: No, you weren't clear about
- 23 it.
- A. I am sorry. I have never said anything about

- 1 anything other than TVT, nor are my reports anything
- 2 other than TVT.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. So let me --
- 4 A. So it was my assumption that you were talking
- 5 about TVT mesh.
- 6 Q. Fair enough. So let me just follow up, then.
- 7 A. Okay. Please do.
- 8 Q. Would it be important to you to try to see any
- 9 and all risk analyses that relate to the mesh in
- 10 general?
- 11 A. No. It would be important to me that -- if
- they relate to the intended use, because that's directly
- 13 what this environment is going to be.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. So something like a suture or a hernia mesh,
- 16 that's apples and oranges to me.
- Q. What if it was for -- in part, to be used
- 18 for -- to help repair fascial defects in the pelvic
- 19 area?
- A. If it's going to be used in the woman's
- 21 vagina, that would be very useful.
- Q. Okay. So have you ever seen that Exhibit 23
- 23 before today?
- A. I don't believe so, no.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 24.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And have you ever seen
- 4 Exhibit 24 before today? And I'm going to hand that one
- 5 to you. It's the next document I'm handing you.
- 6 A. Right. I'm still looking at the first one.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Is that the second one?
- MR. WALLACE: Yeah.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Let's see. 1997. Is this
- 10 different than this one? They are different.
- MR. WALLACE: Is there a question
- 12 pending?
- MR. DAVIS: Yeah, I just asked her had
- 14 she ever seen this risk analysis before today,
- 15 Exhibit 24.
- MR. WALLACE: Are you saying it's a risk
- 17 analysis? Are you representing that to her?
- MR. DAVIS: I'm not representing
- 19 anything.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) But you can read the title of
- 21 the document.
- A. I don't believe I've seen this, but I'll be
- 23 glad to take a look if it has to do with TVT products.
- Q. Do you see where it relates to the mesh, the

- 1 Prolene mesh?
- 2 A. I didn't say that. I asked if it had anything
- 3 to do with my reports.
- 4 Q. So it's your belief that this risk analysis,
- 5 if it relates just to the Prolene mesh, is totally
- 6 irrelevant. Is that your opinion?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form on that.
- 8 You're misstating her testimony. She asked you a
- 9 question that you're unwilling to answer.
- 10 A. I asked if it had to do with any of the TVT
- 11 products.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And I'm asking you: Do you --
- is this -- if this report --
- 14 A. I have not seen this before, no, sir.
- Q. No, let me just -- let me finish my question,
- 16 please, ma'am.
- 17 A. That was your question before this.
- Q. No, ma'am. Will you allow me to ask it?
- 19 Exhibit 24 --
- 20 A. Uh-huh.
- 21 Q. -- if that exhibit relates solely to Prolene
- 22 mesh, not to TVT in particular, is it your opinion that
- 23 this report is not relevant to you?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.

- 1 A. No, that's not what I said.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. So you would want to
- 3 see this document if it -- and analyze it if it relates
- 4 to Prolene mesh in general?
- 5 A. No, that is not --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 7 A. -- what I said, either.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Tell me what you said.
- 9 A. What I said is: Is it in the same intended
- 10 use environment? Is it used in the woman's vagina in
- 11 the same manner? That's how you go about starting your
- 12 risk analysis.
- Q. Okay. As part of your work in this case --
- 14 well, are you familiar with the concept of a
- 15 biocompatibility risk assessment?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. What is that?
- 18 A. Well, you generally look at the materials of
- 19 construction and -- after processing and see if they're
- in compliance with 10993 --
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. -- which is an ISO standard.
- Q. And does ISO 10993 have anything to do with
- 24 degradation?

- 1 A. You know, I hire a microbiologist to handle
- 2 the ISO 10993 analyses, in particular; so I would have
- 3 to go and study that. It has to -- I do know it has to
- 4 do with genotoxicity and if there's any cytotoxicity and
- 5 things like that, but I couldn't answer that question.
- Q. When you need some work done under ISO 10993,
- 7 it sounds like I hear you saying you usually contract
- 8 that out to third parties?
- 9 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- "Work" meaning?
- 11 A. I have consultants that work for me that are
- 12 qualified microbiologists that have worked in ISO 10993
- 13 for many years.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Let me ask a different
- 15 question, then.
- Do you have any personal experience,
- 17 expertise, in working with ISO 10993?
- 18 MR. WALLACE: "Working with," what do you
- 19 mean?
- 20 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, let me ask it this way:
- 21 Do you have -- or do you consider yourself an expert on
- the application of ISO 10993?
- A. No, I don't.
- 24 Q. Okay.

- 1 MR. WALLACE: In what context? You mean
- performing experiments?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) In any context at all.
- 4 A. An expert?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 MR. WALLACE: I'm going to object to
- 7 form. You're -- you're confusing the issues.
- 8 A. I would not say I'm an expert. I have looked
- 9 at a lot of documents related to biocompatibility, but I
- 10 am not an expert.
- 11 Q. Do you have the expertise necessary to
- 12 evaluate a biocompatibility risk assessment under
- 13 ISO 10993?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 15 A. I could evaluate that, yes.
- 16 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. How would you go about
- 17 it?
- 18 A. I would compare the risk assessment to the
- 19 standard and perform a gap analysis, and that's how I
- 20 would go about doing it.
- Q. You said you would compare it to the standard.
- You would compare it to ISO 10993?
- 23 A. Yes. And if I needed experts that are more
- than me after I evaluated it, I would call them in.

- Q. Okay. Have you reviewed any biocompatibility
- 2 assessments relating to Prolene mesh in connection with
- 3 your work in this case?
- 4 A. Could you clarify if you mean with respect to
- 5 the TVT products, please?
- 6 Q. Okay. I'll break it down. I'll ask you that
- 7 question first.
- 8 Have you reviewed any biocompatibility
- 9 risk assessments relating to a TVT -- to the mesh used
- 10 in TVT?
- 11 A. Yes, I have.
- 12 Q. Okay. Did you attempt to evaluate it under
- 13 ISO 10993?
- 14 A. You know, I did look to see if it was
- 15 reasonable and take a look at it, and if it was
- 16 complete; but I did not go back to 10993 step by step by
- 17 step because that wasn't -- I did not do that.
- 18 Q. Because I didn't see biocompatibility risk
- 19 assessments discussed in any of your three reports. Did
- 20 I overlook something?
- 21 A. I did not opine about it, but I did review
- 22 one. I thought that was your question.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'm going to get another

- 1 water.
- MR. DAVIS: Yeah, let's take a break for
- 3 a second.
- 4 (Break from 11:47 a.m. to 12:01 p.m.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Ms. Wilson, way back early on
- in the deposition today, I had asked you to list for me
- 7 all the hazards associated with each of the three
- 8 devices at issue; and you gave me a list. But my
- 9 recollection is you were looking at a document, and I
- 10 failed to ask you: What were you looking at when you
- 11 gave me your list of hazards that Ethicon did not
- 12 adequately consider?
- 13 A. I think we were talking about the TVTR, right?
- 14 Q. Okay.
- A. And we haven't touched on "S," so it can't be
- 16 that. And there were -- in my report, there were
- 17 hazards listed.
- Q. Okay. I just wanted to make sure I understood
- 19 what you were reading from. You were looking at your
- 20 report?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. That's fine. That's all I wanted to clarify.
- Now I want to follow up for TVTO.
- A. Uh-huh.

- Q. Can you give me a list of the hazards that
- 2 you've opined that Ethicon failed to adequately assess?
- A. I'll be glad to. That would be all of these
- 4 listed on Page -- Table 2.
- 5 Q. Of your report?
- A. Do you want me to call them out individually?
- 7 Q. No. What page of your report is Table 2?
- 8 A. 17.
- 9 Q. That's fine.
- 10 A. And 18.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. There's a list of those -- well, 17 is the
- 13 hazards. Excuse me.
- Q. Okay. Right now, I just want to know about
- 15 the hazards.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. It's all of those listed on Page 17 of the
- 18 report?
- 19 A. These are some of them. There may be some
- 20 listed throughout the rest of the report, too, if you
- 21 want -- do you need a full set?
- Q. Yeah, I just want to know what all the --
- A. All. Okay.
- Q. -- the matters that you say were hazards that

- 1 they didn't adequately assess.
- 2 A. So what that means is I just have to take a
- 3 few minutes. It would be -- it would be this -- on
- 4 Table 2; plus, on Page 19, Section 2, these are
- 5 complaint categories. And the hazard would be mesh --
- 6 would be pain, infection. So I have to separate my
- 7 hazards from my failure modes. So I think it's -- I
- 8 think that I've already done that. Excuse me. I've
- 9 already done that, and Table 2 lists them.
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. I'm having a little trouble
- 11 following you. Are you saying that --
- 12 A. I'm thinking.
- Q. -- Table 2 is a complete list of the hazards?
- 14 A. I'm thinking. I'm thinking.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. It includes all of Table 2, and I have to
- 17 assess if there are any more throughout my report.
- 18 Q. Just so the record will be clear, a minute
- 19 ago, you called out the word "pain" and a couple other
- 20 words. Are you --
- 21 A. Right. Pain is on Table 2. That's correct.
- 22 It is already included.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. So I was trying not to be duplicative.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Both of those were already on Table 2. The
- other hazards, which are -- now I have to see if they're
- 4 also on Table 2. I think that Table 2 covers it, to the
- 5 best of my knowledge, in the short term, without reading
- 6 my whole report.
- 7 Q. Okay. Where on Table 2 do I look to get a
- 8 complete list --
- 9 A. On Table --
- 10 Q. -- of the hazards? I mean, where on Table 2
- 11 do you look?
- 12 A. Table 2 is titled "Hazard Table," and so all
- of this table are the hazards.
- Q. In the first column, or --
- 15 A. This entire table, yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. Now, can you give me a complete list of
- 17 the harms that you've opined that Ethicon failed to
- 18 adequately assess in the design and development of TVTO?
- 19 A. A hazard is a potential source of harm. So
- 20 now I have to go find out the harm that goes with each
- 21 of these. So an infection is a hazard, and associated
- 22 harm -- I don't think I actually talk about the
- associated harms in this because that's generally a
- 24 medical opinion.

- But, for example, if you have an
- 2 infection, you obviously have an associated harm with
- 3 it. I'm not sure I understand exactly what you're
- 4 trying to get to. Are you wanting me to name a harm to
- 5 go with every one of these hazards?
- Q. I just wanted a complete list of the harms
- 7 that you're -- that you have opined that Ethicon did not
- 8 adequately assess.
- 9 A. All of them that go with -- that are matched
- 10 up with these hazards.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. I have not made a statement of which harms go
- 13 with each and every hazard or each and every failure
- 14 mode.
- Q. Okay. Let me follow up and -- for instance, I
- 16 know when we were asking about TVTR, I believe you
- 17 said -- you listed fraying, as an example, as a hazard.
- 18 A. That is a failure mode.
- 19 Q. Is that in your Table 2?
- 20 A. It's in Table 3, which is a list of failure
- 21 modes.
- Q. Okay. Well, what is -- what is the harm, or
- is there any harm associated with fraying?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection; asked and

- 1 answered.
- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Does that mean --
- 4 MR. WALLACE: Well --
- 5 A. I'm confused.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I haven't asked that question,
- 7 but he can object. What harm do you associate with
- 8 fraying?
- 9 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 10 and answered.
- 11 A. If the device frays or ropes, then -- fraying
- 12 and roping are grouped together through all of these
- 13 reports. Then what happens is they can make it so you
- 14 have urinary retention or damage to the urethra. That
- is published in these documents, the design history
- 16 file; and so I know, through review of those documents,
- 17 that that is a harm that's associated with that failure
- 18 mode.
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Then I believe you
- 20 said -- you listed degradation as a hazard?
- 21 A. Degradation -- I have to always think whether
- 22 it is a hazard or a failure mode. So if a device has a
- 23 failure mode of degradation, that can lead to a harm,
- 24 which is broken mesh or torn mesh.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Because a hazard is a potential source of
- 3 harm. They're related.
- Q. Do "hazard" and "harm" mean the same thing,
- 5 or --
- 6 A. No, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. So have you associated any harm with
- 8 degradation?
- 9 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 10 A. I just answered this. With degradation, if
- 11 the -- if the material degrades, then it's stated
- 12 throughout these documents that you can get tears, mesh
- 13 tears and breaks; and that's also a complaint. So, yes,
- 14 that is a harm.
- 15 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Can you identify just one
- 16 document that discusses a mesh tearing or breaking
- inside the body after implementation?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 19 A. I can refer to the 2002 complaint analysis.
- 20 Would you like me to find the Bates number to that, or
- 21 what?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) You're saying there's a 2002
- complaint analysis of a torn mesh after it's been
- 24 implanted?

- 1 A. Yeah, but it's listed as a complaint; so it
- 2 would have to have been implanted. And if you look in
- 3 my report -- are we still on "O," or are we on "R"? I'm
- 4 confused now. I'm sorry.
- 5 Q. Well, whichever report you think it's in. I'm
- 6 talking about degradation, and you've now referred to a
- 7 complaint analysis in 2002. Yes, if you can -- if
- 8 you've footnoted that, I'd like you to identify it for
- 9 me.
- 10 A. Okay. I'm trying to find it. There's a lot
- 11 of pages here. It's going to take me a moment. This
- is -- okay. Let's see here. I'm getting close.
- So it is referred to as a 2002 letter,
- 14 which is -- included a complaint analysis. It's on --
- 15 starts on Page 20 of my TVTR report and goes to 21,
- 16 where it defines the 11 new hazards, one of which is
- mesh broken; another of which is torn mesh, which can be
- 18 the harm associated with degradation.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did that complaint report, in any way,
- 20 shape, or form, associate the torn or broken mesh with
- 21 degradation?
- 22 A. What you asked me, is it -- was it after it
- was implanted in a woman's body; and that was "yes."
- Q. Okay. So it's your recollection or belief

- 1 that this complaint report was reporting on some mesh
- that had been implanted inside a woman's body, and then
- 3 it degraded and tore?
- 4 A. Yes. There's evidence as early as, like,
- 5 19 -- actually it was, like, in 1983, the first data,
- 6 because I remember it was back when I was in college
- 7 about -- in the 1990s, about degradation. And there was
- 8 other data that supported the fact -- I can't tell you
- 9 the Bates number, put my finger on it, of this. But
- 10 this one definitely says that there's torn mesh, and
- it's after it's been in a woman's body; and there's
- broken mesh after it's been in a woman's body.
- Q. And did you footnote that document you're
- 14 referring to there?
- 15 A. Of course I did. It is right here, 59.
- 16 O. Footnote 59?
- 17 A. Which is back to footnote -- it's one of those
- 18 repeat footnotes from -- 57 was the first time I
- 19 footnoted it.
- Q. Okay. And that's in your TVTR report?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. Thank you.
- Okay. If the FDA had ever issued an order
- 24 making findings on the significance of degradation of

- 1 polypropylene in the body, would that be significant to
- 2 you?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 4 What context?
- 5 A. Yeah, I would like to know what -- what you're
- 6 trying to ask. If the FDA -- I thought the FDA was not
- 7 within the scope of this, is what I'm trying to
- 8 understand.
- 9 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) My question is simply: Would
- 10 it be something you would want to know about if the FDA
- 11 had entered an order making --
- 12 A. If I would --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me -- let me finish my
- 15 question.
- 16 A. Huh-uh.
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, let me -- please let me
- 19 finish my question.
- 20 Would it be of interest to you, as part of
- 21 your study in this case, to know whether or not the FDA
- 22 has ever entered an order making findings on the extent
- to which polypropylene degrades within the human body?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.

- 1 A. I'm sure it would be of interest, yes.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- 3 A. It may not have any relevance to my opinions,
- 4 but it would be interesting.
- 5 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 25.)
- 6 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'm going to hand you
- 7 Exhibit 25. And it's a lengthy document, but can you
- 8 tell from just the first page that that document
- 9 purports to be an order on the part of the FDA?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 11 A. I don't know if it's an order. It says it's a
- 12 reclassification.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Look at the -- thank you.
- Look at the first paragraph, under the
- 15 heading "Introduction" on the first page. Look at the
- last sentence of that paragraph. Do you see where it
- 17 says "this order"?
- 18 A. Now I do, now that you pointed it out.
- 19 Q. Okay. So you would agree this --
- 20 A. Can I read the first paragraph, please?
- 21 Q. Sure.
- 22 A. Thank you, sir.
- MR. WALLACE: You've given her a document
- 24 on sutures.

- 1 A. Right. This -- this is something about
- 2 sutures.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. It's about
- 4 polypropylene sutures, right?
- 5 A. Yes, sutures.
- 6 Q. Okay. And --
- 7 A. Polypropylene sutures.
- 8 Q. Good.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: And, Ed, I don't really think
- 10 you need to coach the witness.
- MR. WALLACE: I'm not.
- MR. DAVIS: Yes, you did.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) So let's follow up on this.
- Do you have any reason to believe that
- 15 polypropylene in the form of a suture would degrade
- 16 differently from polypropylene in the form of a mesh --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection.
- 18 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) -- in the human body?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 20 A. Where in the human body?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) In the pelvic region --
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) -- of a female body.
- A. It could. It could. It certainly could.

- 1 Q. Okay. And if you look at --
- 2 A. You know, I've had a lot of experience with
- 3 medical devices where you make assumptions; and they are
- 4 just faulty. Like in heart valves, people assumed that
- 5 changing one of the components would have -- and it was
- 6 the (inaudible), not the final product -- would make no
- 7 difference. And guess what? People started dying,
- 8 because, you know, you make one false assumption in one
- 9 dimension. And the leakage of those -- the leakage
- 10 rates went up. People started having blood clots. So
- 11 you can't just assume that one thing is the same as
- 12 another, in my experience.
- Q. Did you consider Exhibit 25 as part of your
- 14 work in this case?
- 15 A. I had read it; but I didn't consider it
- 16 because it was on surgical sutures, not relating to the
- 17 mesh that was involved in the TVT.
- 18 Q. Okay. Do you know --
- 19 A. I was aware that this happened, that they were
- 20 Class 2 devices.
- 21 Q. And -- well, look at Page 7 of the order,
- 22 the -- look at the last paragraph on that page. Do you
- 23 see in that paragraph where there's a discussion of
- 24 oxidative degradation?

1 MR. WALLACE: What page are you on? 2 MR. DAVIS: Page 7. 3 MR. WALLACE: Where at on Page 7? 4 MR. DAVIS: The last paragraph. I'm 5 letting her read the last paragraph on the page. 6 Ο. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you see where it discusses oxidative degradation of polypropylene? 7 8 Α. I see that, sir. 9 And do you see the FDA's finding? 10 Α. I see it, yeah. 11 Q. That it proceeds slowly and is not deemed 12 clinically significant under most circumstances? 13 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form. 14 If you're reading from the document, you 15 probably need to read it exactly. 16 MR. DAVIS: Well, let's -- let's read it, 17 then. 18 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you see where it says, 19 quote: "The record data show that the loss of tensile 20 strength in vivo is primarily related to the oxidative 21 degradation of the polypropylene polymer, " parenthesis, 22 "Refs. 4, 29, 32, 42, 43, and 44," close parenthesis, 23 "and that the polymer's degradation proceeds slowly and is generally not considered clinically significant under 24

- 1 most circumstances of use, " parenthesis, Refs. 1, 4, 42,
- 2 121, and 149, " close parenthesis, unquote.
- 3 Did I read that correctly?
- A. But you also missed part of this, which
- 5 says -- you know, the first sentence was neglected,
- 6 which it also says "surgical suture in certain
- 7 applications." So from this, I can't make an inference
- 8 whether this is directly related to the TVT products in
- 9 my report.
- 10 Q. Well, have you taken the time to look at any
- 11 of the reference materials that --
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. The FDA is outside the scope of this report.
- 15 I did not refer to every little reference in this when
- 16 it didn't have anything to do with the products I was
- 17 opining about. My goodness.
- Q. Now, in your reports, let's take a -- well,
- 19 TVTS. For TVTS, did you opine -- well, what hazards did
- you opine Ethicon failed to properly or adequately
- assess?
- 22 A. Okay. Let me shift gears and get to "S,"
- 23 please. Where is it? Is "S" in here?
- Q. It's Exhibit No. 4, if you want to look at it.

- 1 A. Okay. It should be -- it should be "C."
- MR. WALLACE: No, it's -- I think it's --
- 3 it might be the first one here. I think it's "B."
- 4 THE WITNESS: Oh, no wonder I got
- 5 confused.
- 6 A. Okay. So what was your question, again?
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Can you simply please list the
- 8 hazards that you've opined that Ethicon failed to
- 9 properly assess for TVTS?
- 10 A. I see a lot of failure modes. I'm trying to
- 11 see if I actually opined on hazards. So please give me
- 12 a moment.
- So on Page 16, I talk about susceptibility
- 14 to in vivo degradation; stiffness; improper warnings;
- tensioning, improper tensioning; improper learning
- 16 curve -- that's a hazard because you don't install it
- 17 right -- and the inability to remove the device. Those
- 18 are hazards.
- 19 Q. Okay. What harms have you opined that Ethicon
- 20 failed to properly assess relating to TVTS?
- 21 A. Okay. So the harms related to failure modes
- 22 are bleeding, bladder perforation, or hematoma --
- 23 hematoma. Those harms are related to inserter not
- 24 maintaining contact. This is on Page 14. Infection,

- 1 urinary retention or obstruction.
- Q. Is that it?
- A. That's all I can see right at this minute.
- Q. Okay. Back to TVTR. Have you --
- 5 A. Are we done with this for a minute?
- Q. Right now, I'm back to TVTR.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. For TVTR, have you opined that Ethicon did not
- 9 adequately assess the severities of any of the harms
- 10 that you've listed?
- 11 A. That's clearly called out in my "O" report
- 12 because it --
- 13 Q. Well --
- 14 A. Please let me finish my sentence.
- MR. WALLACE: You interrupted her answer.
- MR. DAVIS: No, wait a second. Counsel,
- 17 you told me not to --
- MR. WALLACE: No, you interrupted her
- 19 answer.
- MR. DAVIS: You said we've got to do one
- 21 report at a time.
- A. And you didn't. You asked me one question on
- 23 the "S," and now you're back to "R," and I'm --
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'm back to "R."

- 1 A. -- trying to answer your question.
- MR. WALLACE: Let her answer the
- 3 question.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Okay.
- 5 MR. WALLACE: If you don't like the
- 6 answer, that's too bad.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: No. I don't like the time.
- 8 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) My question is about --
- 9 A. That's not my fault.
- 10 Q. -- TVTR.
- MR. WALLACE: Well, it --
- 12 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Answer my question about TVTR.
- 13 A. I am.
- 14 MR. WALLACE: You know what? We have an
- 15 agreement in place and a court order. The bottom line
- is, if you don't like her answer, ask her a different
- 17 question.
- 18 A. Here, the reason I'm not answering it --
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) No, I'm withdrawing that
- 20 question --
- 21 A. -- is because they used TVT -- our data for
- "0," it happens to be placed in there. Okay? Because
- they didn't do their own stinking system analysis, I
- 24 have to rely on it in a different place. That's the

- 1 problem. I keep saying it.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Please just tell me the harms
- 3 for which you believe Ethicon did not properly assess
- 4 the severity --
- 5 A. Absolutely.
- 6 O. -- for TVTR.
- 7 MR. WALLACE: One thing. Are you done
- 8 giving your answer to the last question? Because you
- 9 were --
- 10 A. No, I haven't even answered the question
- 11 because I have to find it when you change topics on me
- 12 every question. I have a whole table on that, and it
- 13 happens to be --
- MR. WALLACE: Do you want to withdraw the
- 15 question?
- MR. DAVIS: No.
- 17 A. It happens to be Table 2, Page 17, TVTO, where
- 18 it clearly shows the TVTR severity ratings and how they
- 19 were inconsistently applied over time.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now, my question
- 21 stands. I want you to give me a complete list of all
- the harms which you believe Ethicon failed to properly
- 23 assess the severity level. Have you given me a complete
- 24 list now?

- 1 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form; asked
- 2 and answered.
- A. I've given you a list that I thought was most
- 4 important. This is not a complete list of everything
- 5 over the 10 or 15 years of documents. These are
- 6 representative of the most important things I found.
- 7 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Now --
- A. And there's no way I can go back and complete
- 9 a list in this time frame.
- 10 Q. For TVTR, did you opine that there were some
- 11 frequencies of harms that Ethicon failed to properly
- 12 assess? If so, what are they? What are those harms?
- MR. WALLACE: Object to form.
- 14 A. You're -- could you clarify your question?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I'll be happy to.
- 16 With respect to the TVTR product, did you
- opine that Ethicon failed to properly assess any of the
- 18 frequencies relating to any of the harms that you've
- 19 listed?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 21 A. I don't recall discussing the specifics of the
- frequencies. That's why I have to look at it. I talked
- 23 about the severities and the inconsistencies and that --
- 24 I did, and how the occurrence was changed without any

- 1 medications. Do I need to find that in my report?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) No, you don't -- I don't need
- 3 to know the page number of the report if --
- 4 A. Okay. Yes, I did.
- Q. Okay. Now, you've opined that the FMEA is a
- 6 living document, correct?
- 7 A. That it should be.
- 8 Q. Okay. Can you show me or just identify for me
- 9 a standard that requires an FMEA be a -- what you've
- 10 described as a living document?
- 11 A. Are you talking about these -- their internal
- 12 procedures?
- Q. We're going to break it down. I asked you
- 14 first about industry standards.
- 15 A. Uh-huh. Do you, in your pile, have
- 16 13485:2003, maybe?
- 17 Q. I'll be happy to hand you 13485. I think I've
- 18 got it somewhere here. Let's see.
- 19 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 26.)
- 20 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) I've got one copy of it for
- 21 now, 26. Exhibit 26. Is that -- is that the document
- 22 you were wanting to see?
- A. Yes. We should look at Section 7.1. So if
- 24 you look at 7.1, the italicized note, it states: "The

- 1 organization shall establish documented requirements for
- 2 risk management throughout product realization. Records
- 3 arising from risk management shall be maintained."
- Q. Okay. Is there any other written standard
- 5 anywhere that you're relying on for your opinion that
- 6 the FMEA is a living document?
- 7 A. First you said, "Find me one," and -- yes.
- 8 Give me 14971. It's probably in there.
- 9 Q. Well, you've got it right in front of you.
- 10 A. Oh, okay.
- 11 Q. It's an exhibit already.
- MR. WALLACE: Which number is it?
- 13 THE WITNESS: I bet it's 12.
- MR. DAVIS: It's Exhibit 12.
- THE WITNESS: And 14.
- 16 A. Yes. In the "Scope," it says you have to --
- 17 these standards "are applicable to all stages of the
- 18 life-cycle of a medical device."
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And you're reading from which
- 20 section?
- 21 A. Section 1 in the "Scope."
- Q. Okay. Of Exhibit 12, correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. Is there any other provision of any

- 1 standard, industry standard, that you're relying on for
- 2 your opinion that the FMEA is what you call a living
- 3 document?
- 4 A. I'm sure it's also in other sections. Would
- 5 you like me to check each section?
- Q. Well, do you know of any?
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Object to form.
- A. I'm sure it's in here somewhere, another
- 9 section.
- 10 MR. WALLACE: Take your time.
- 11 A. Because "life cycle" means all phases of the
- 12 life of a medical device from initial concept to final
- 13 decommissioning and disposal.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Let me ask you this:
- 15 Explain what you -- for the court what you mean by a
- 16 living document.
- 17 A. That means that it's continuously updated as
- 18 new information comes in, just like their procedures say
- 19 that you'll evaluate complaints and update the documents
- 20 as appropriate, as the product goes through its life
- 21 cycle. So if you find that you're having a change in
- 22 expectations or you're having more complaints or
- unexpected results, then you would go back and you would
- 24 look.

- 1 If you had done a risk assessment, you
- 2 would look at those and say, "Oh, we missed something,"
- or, "Jeez, we didn't do a system-level risk assessment;
- 4 so we'd better" -- "we'd better go look at that. Our
- 5 assumption was false that we relied on in previous -- in
- 6 previous documents." So that's what it means.
- 7 Q. If a post-market review indicates that you're
- 8 getting complaints, but they're within the levels that
- 9 you expected, anticipated in your FMEA, are you
- 10 saying -- would you go back and then do an update to
- 11 your FMEA?
- 12 A. Yeah, totally. You can't rely on that.
- 13 Because what I saw Ethicon do is they set the bar so
- 14 freaking high -- 294, or something like that -- that
- 15 nothing would -- nothing would hardly exceed -- I mean,
- 16 that is just like -- you would have to have something
- 17 catastrophic -- and this is clearly in my report, that
- 18 you'd have to have something with very high frequency,
- 19 very high -- a serious injury with no warning, or
- 20 catastrophic, nearly, and unable to detect it.
- So if you set the bar, as a
- 22 manufacturer -- which I told you earlier that each
- 23 manufacturer sets their own threshold. If you set that
- 24 threshold so high that your expectations are so low,

- 1 that's where you go out and you say, "Whoa, does this
- 2 even make sense? What are other people saying?" Or you
- find out that doctors are complaining, and peer-reviewed
- 4 articles, which I also talked about. So you can't just
- 5 say that, no. That's not a true statement.
- 6 Q. Okay. In connection with your opinion --
- 7 A. Do you want me to finish your prior question
- 8 about where else in the standard it says you have to do
- 9 it throughout the life cycle?
- 10 Q. No.
- 11 A. Okay.
- MR. WALLACE: So you withdrew the
- 13 question?
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Tell you what. I'll withdraw
- the question because I'll challenge your counsel at the
- 16 appropriate time to show the court where it says that.
- 17 So I'll worry about --
- MR. WALLACE: The bottom line is you're
- 19 not letting her finish her answer.
- MR. DAVIS: Well --
- MR. WALLACE: She asked if you wanted her
- 22 to finish her answer --
- MR. DAVIS: No, I don't want to waste
- 24 any --

- 1 MR. WALLACE: -- and you said, "No, I
- 2 don't want you to finish your answer."
- MR. DAVIS: No. Can we move on?
- 4 MR. WALLACE: So there's no challenge
- 5 here. You waived any right you have to any challenge,
- 6 Paul.
- 7 MR. DAVIS: I've already withdrawn the
- 8 question. Please quit wasting my time.
- 9 MR. WALLACE: Well, you're not going to
- 10 sit here and say what the court's going to do or not
- 11 going to do.
- MR. DAVIS: No.
- MR. WALLACE: The judge is going to make
- 14 up his own mind based upon the fact that you didn't let
- 15 her answer the question.
- 16 MR. DAVIS: Absolutely. And I've
- 17 withdrawn the question. That question is out. So let's
- 18 move on, please.
- MR. WALLACE: Fair enough, then. Go
- 20 right ahead.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Now, can you identify -- or
- let me ask this: Did you apply any generally accepted
- 23 standard in your evaluation that led you to believe that
- 24 Ethicon has set its requirements too high?

- 1 A. What I applied was 30 years of experience
- 2 doing this and helping many, many companies in -- of
- 3 implantable devices set up their risk analysis, and the
- 4 CEOs and the clinicians I work with on a frequent basis,
- 5 all of those things, and the design teams. I applied my
- 6 knowledge, expert knowledge, to make that assessment.
- 7 Q. So answer this question, please: Did you
- 8 apply any generally accepted written standards in making
- 9 your analysis that Ethicon set its standards too high
- 10 for its -- for its risk to be unacceptable?
- 11 A. I did apply the principles of 13485 and 14971.
- 12 Q. Okay. Does --
- 13 A. And the MedDev for the post-market
- 14 surveillance.
- Q. Okay. You're referring to the MedDev
- 16 12-point --
- 17 A. I'd have to look up the number, but it's in my
- 18 report.
- 19 Q. Okay. Well, just -- well, you only cited one;
- 20 so I'll rely on that.
- 21 A. Yeah, exactly.
- 22 Q. Okay. So -- okay. Do you have any other
- 23 source for a written industry standard to support your
- 24 opinion that Ethicon set its risk numbers too high?

- 1 MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- 2 A. I think I've named industry standards, my own
- 3 experience, and multiple device companies. So that
- 4 pretty much covers it.
- 5 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. Can you explain for the
- 6 court Ethicon's system that generated the number 294?
- 7 A. I have no idea, and I believe I put that in my
- 8 report. But I do know that the only way you can result
- 9 in that high of a number is if you look at the -- just
- 10 look at the combinations. You have to have a 9 or a
- 11 10 -- I mean, to get to 294, you'd have to have a 10 by
- 12 a 10 by a 3, at least, you know.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. So you have to have some highly severe,
- 15 frequently occurring -- something that's not easily
- 16 detected, or some combination thereof, to get that high
- 17 a number.
- 18 (Marked Wilson Exhibit Nos. 27 and 28.)
- 19 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit --
- 20 A. Or something that you -- you know, it's pretty
- 21 high.
- 22 Q. Let me hand you Exhibit 27. Do you recognize
- 23 that exhibit?
- 24 A. I certainly do.

- Q. And you opined about this exhibit, didn't you?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And what were your -- can you give me an
- 4 overview of your criticisms of Exhibit 27?
- A. Well, first off, this is a Design FMEA that
- 6 was done five to seven years after the design was
- 7 frozen. So it's a total retrospective analysis, where
- 8 the intent of a DFMEA is to start with concept phase;
- 9 and it's listed in the standards and Ethicon's
- 10 procedures as to be done in the design input phase. So
- 11 that's number one, is that it's sort of "too little, too
- late," because you're supposed to do these things, you
- 13 know, often, frequently, not "too little, too late."
- 14 And so that's -- that's my first opinion.
- Second, it's -- there's a table in my "R"
- 16 report, I believe. Maybe it's the -- that talks about
- 17 this as like -- I couldn't -- I didn't even, you know,
- 18 pay attention to it at first, because it says things
- 19 like "not imaginable," which is not something I'd ever
- 20 seen before. And if you go to my R report, it talks
- 21 about just the contradictions, omissions, things like
- 22 that in this FMEA.
- But, most importantly, it's five to seven
- 24 years after; and it didn't even jive (sic) with or have

- 1 any communication with the complaint system. So it's
- 2 way out of sync.
- Q. Okay. But, now, you said an FMEA is a living
- 4 document. You should be doing new FMEAs throughout the
- 5 life cycle.
- 6 A. You should start a design -- in the design
- 7 phase so you can design out the defects. That is the
- 8 number-one thing to do to prevent hazards from getting
- 9 to the field and causing harm.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. It's starting at the design phase. And they
- 12 didn't do that.
- Q. Are you saying that you believe Ethicon was --
- 14 should not have tried to do a risk assessment in 2001
- 15 for TVT?
- 16 A. That's not at all what I'm saying. Listen,
- 17 please. I'm saying that they didn't do it during the
- design phase of the device, which was much more in 1995,
- 19 not in 2001. The design has to be -- you can't design
- 20 out any risks or potential sources of harm if, in fact,
- 21 you haven't done any analysis. And there was not.
- 22 Q. So my question today, though, now, is: What
- imperfections do you see in this risk assessment itself?
- A. It's in the report, and that was my first

- 1 answer.
- Q. Okay.
- 3 A. That was my answer to your -- an answer to
- 4 your question.
- 5 Q. Okay. It's all in your report?
- A. That -- that was not in my report. I started
- 7 with that. I believe that was somewhere in the "O"
- 8 report. But if you want to look at this design
- 9 document -- look at Page 17, some other factors,
- 10 additional factors, that I think are wrong with this
- 11 document.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. Look at Page 17 of the "R" report.
- Q. That would be fine. Thank you. Okay. So let
- 15 me ask you --
- 16 A. It starts, actually, on Page 16 and starts
- 17 with a listing of what's wrong with this retrospective
- 18 report.
- 19 Q. Okay. Now, what industry standard did you
- 20 apply in evaluating Exhibit 27?
- MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
- A. Well, this clearly says it was done to 1441.
- 23 So I looked at 1441 and --
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.

- 1 A. -- ISO 9001 and EN 46001, which were the
- 2 applicable standards at the time that this was
- 3 performed.
- Q. Okay. And did you apply any company standards
- 5 in assessing Exhibit 27?
- A. Absolutely. I looked at the SOPs.
- 7 PR 602.003, OP 650-010 and -011, I believe, are the
- 8 applicable ones in my report.
- 9 Q. Why did you choose those?
- 10 A. Because those are the ones that were relevant.
- 11 Q. Okay. What was your basis for believing those
- were the relevant ones?
- 13 A. Well, let's look at them. Number one -- okay.
- 14 So the OP -- the PR 602.003 is entitled "Procedure for
- 15 Medical Device Risk Management." So that would be
- 16 appropriate to risk management. And it talks about a
- 17 systemic risk management process using a DDSA.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. They didn't use a DDSA. But then 650-010
- 20 talks about risk management again, and 611 (sic) talks
- 21 about DFMEAs --
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. -- 650-11 -- excuse me -- "Operating Procedure
- 24 for Design Failure Mode and Effect Analysis."

- 1 Q. Did you make any effort to find out which
- 2 company facilities those procedures applied at?
- 3 A. I did, yes, sir.
- 4 Q. Why? Why did you try to do that?
- 5 A. Well, because if you look -- I wanted to find
- 6 out which revisions were appropriate at the time it was
- 7 done.
- Q. Okay.
- 9 A. And if you look at the revision history for
- 10 these documents, it tells you, like, when it tries to
- 11 roll out at each facility. And so I tried -- although
- 12 they changed computer systems somewhere along the line,
- 13 it was very challenging to actually determine on what
- 14 exact day, because these projects would start; and
- sometimes, when the procedures rev-bumped -- and I'm
- 16 quite sure that's in Dan Smith's testimony, also, that
- once these procedures rev-bumped, the design teams
- 18 didn't always rev-bump with them.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. So I looked at that in quite a bit of detail.
- 21 Q. Okay. Yeah, I think -- did you just -- you
- 22 just referred to looking at the revision histories. Is
- that an example of the type of document that you looked
- 24 at, Exhibit 28?

- 1 A. It has similar information on it. It just
- doesn't have the same format of the one, because I don't
- 3 think I have the archived document. I think I have the
- 4 full.
- Q. Well, you see that Exhibit 28 for procedure
- 6 PR 602.003 -- it actually shows you which locations the
- 7 procedure applied at.
- 8 A. Let me take a look. I see that.
- 9 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 29.)
- 10 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) And the same thing.
- 11 Exhibit 29 relates to --
- 12 A. But let's go through each revision, because it
- 13 can change. This is Version 1, which was 981099. This
- 14 is 2001. This is Version 2, Version 3. And this was
- 15 conducted in Germany, so I couldn't find any procedure
- 16 that was in English or -- or any procedure that said --
- other than these, that said how you're supposed to do
- 18 FMEAs.
- 19 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 30.)
- 20 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay. And I'm handing you
- 21 Exhibit 30. That would be for, I think, Exhibit -- for
- 22 procedure OP 650-011, correct?
- 23 A. Right. And if -- if they're -- these are just
- 24 saying when they rolled them out. That doesn't mean

- 1 that corporate doesn't apply to the rest of the
- 2 corporation. This just says when they're rolling them
- 3 out at certain facilities, not when -- that corporate
- 4 doesn't apply to the corporate holder for design
- 5 controls.
- 6 Q. Have you seen any document that indicated that
- 7 Exhibits 28, 29, or 30 -- that those procedures in those
- 8 three exhibits applied in Germany at Neuchâtel?
- 9 A. That's Switzerland, isn't it?
- 10 Q. I'm sorry. It applied in Germany or
- 11 Switzerland?
- 12 A. I must say that those documents, if they're
- 13 the corporate person in charge of design control, then I
- 14 did make the assumption that the corporate procedures
- 15 applied. So Ethicon GmbH in Germany was the corporate
- 16 design control representative for this document; and it
- 17 was stated as such in the DHF, the remediated DHF that
- 18 occurred five years after.
- So when they transferred from Sweden and
- 20 to -- and Sweden, which was -- when they transferred the
- 21 corporation to Germany and the manufacturing to
- 22 Switzerland, that's when the corporate responsibility
- 23 for design control switched to Germany. And that's why
- 24 I used these corporate documents.

- 1 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 31.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 31.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 Q. Is Exhibit 31 one of the risk analyses that
- 5 you opined on?
- 6 A. Did we finish that last question?
- 7 Q. If you have more to say, you're free to -- I'm
- 8 not trying to interrupt you. I thought you were
- 9 through.
- 10 A. I thought you wanted me to -- know everything
- 11 wrong with this. Okay. I had a whole table on that,
- of -- I just wanted to point that out. I don't think we
- ever got to my answer on that, that this whole table on
- 14 Page 17 talks about how this design FMEA, which was
- 15 retrospective, is faulty, in my opinion, because it has
- 16 things like "not imaginable" when they clearly have
- 17 documentation that it was -- it was not only imagined,
- 18 but, for example, said wrong mesh composition.
- Well, not imaginable, yet they measured
- 20 the IR spectra. They had a material spec. They didn't
- 21 look at post-market data. They had contradictions and
- 22 omissions, and then they -- failure to perform its
- 23 function. So there were quite a few things that led me
- 24 to believe that this was just not a trustworthy

- 1 document. Much more like it was just, "Oh, my God.
- 2 It's five years later. We'd better whip one of these
- 3 out."
- 4 Q. Are you through?
- 5 A. Yeah, I am now.
- 6 Q. I've handed you Exhibit 31.
- 7 A. Okay.
- 8 Q. You opined on this risk analysis, didn't you?
- 9 A. I don't even know what product it is yet, sir.
- 10 You said TVTO. So let me go to the "O" and think about
- 11 this. I've got my "O" report. And if it's listed, then
- 12 I should have opined about it. Oh, yeah.
- Q. So my question is: Look at -- in the -- on
- 14 the -- any one of the pages. Do you see the header at
- 15 the top of the page, upper left-hand part of the page --
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. -- that shows a reference to PR 602-003,
- 18 Appendix 1?
- 19 A. 2, but correct. It's Appendix 2.
- Q. Well, you see it actually says Appendix 1?
- 21 A. Well --
- Q. Well, it depends on which page -- depends on
- which page you're looking at, right?
- A. I was looking at the page number that ends in

- 1 447 down here in the numbers. So --
- Q. Okay. The bottom line is: You understand
- 3 Ethicon's practice of, when they're filling out one of
- 4 these risk analyses, they reference the fact that
- 5 they're using a form from one of their company
- 6 procedures?
- 7 A. Yes. Yes.
- 8 Q. And so it shows the Appendix 1, Appendix 2,
- 9 et cetera, here?
- 10 A. Uh-huh.
- 11 Q. Okay. Now, back to the -- that 2001 risk
- 12 analysis -- I believe it was Exhibit 27 -- look at the
- 13 second page of that exhibit. You see in the upper
- 14 left-hand corner of the second -- of the second page of
- 15 the document, they have a header that says
- 16 "Anhang 4-02/3"?
- 17 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you take the time to -- well, did you
- 19 realize that that's in German?
- 20 A. Well, I know it's German.
- Q. Okay. And how did you know it was German?
- 22 A. I took German three years in high school.
- Q. Okay. And did you -- do you know what
- "anhang" means?

- 1 A. I have no clue.
- Q. Did you take the time to look it up?
- 3 A. I did not Google it.
- Q. Okay. You do realize it's easy to Google it
- 5 and -- you can type in the name, and they'll give you --
- 6 A. I know that.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. I just didn't Google that word, no. I looked
- 9 at it, that it was per EN 1441, which was the standard
- 10 in place at the time.
- 11 Q. And would it surprise you that "anhang" means
- 12 'appendix'?
- A. What do you know? I don't know. I guess it's
- 14 a surprise to me, yes. You know, I was analyzing the
- 15 document, not translating German.
- 16 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 32.)
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 32.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Have you ever seen this document before today?
- 20 A. You know, unless it was translated to English,
- 21 I don't. But I'd be glad to take a look at any English
- 22 translation.
- Q. Okay. Do you recall seeing it in German?
- A. I just -- no, I haven't seen this in German.

- 1 Q. Okay. That's fine. Have you seen this
- 2 document in English?
- A. I don't know. I just answered that, sir. I
- 4 said unless I've seen it in English, I wouldn't know.
- 5 MR. WALLACE: Do you have an English
- 6 version for her?
- 7 MR. DAVIS: I've already handed it to
- 8 her. She's got it in front of her.
- 9 A. This is German.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Well, you've got to look past
- 11 the first couple pages.
- 12 A. Oh, okay.
- MR. WALLACE: Well, it's about a 40-page
- document; so she's going to take the time to read it.
- Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) No, all I want to know is:
- 16 Have you seen this document before?
- 17 A. I don't know yet. I'll look. I'll look.
- 18 MR. WALLACE: All she's seen is German
- 19 language, Paul.
- THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- MR. WALLACE: Give her the time, man.
- THE WITNESS: I'm at Page 13, and it's
- 23 still German.
- 24 MR. WALLACE: Okay. So you've looked

- 1 past the first page, right?
- THE WITNESS: 17 pages, still in German.
- 3 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- A. So it does look like, on Page 18 of 23, that
- 5 it starts in English. And I do not recall seeing this
- 6 document.
- 7 MR. WALLACE: Why don't you take the time
- 8 to read it?
- 9 THE WITNESS: I'd be glad to.
- 10 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Do you feel like you need to
- 11 read all 20 or 30 pages in order to know whether you've
- 12 seen it before?
- 13 A. Well, it would only be Pages 18 to 23 --
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. -- because that's where the English starts,
- 16 right?
- 17 Q. If you feel --
- 18 A. I just said that.
- 19 Q. If you feel like you need to read --
- A. Are you going to ask me guestions about this?
- Q. No, I've already asked all I want to ask about
- 22 it.
- A. Well, I can't tell yet if I've read this
- 24 document. So --

- 1 Q. Okay. Take whatever time you need.
- MR. WALLACE: Are you going to reserve
- 3 any time for after I get done, Paul?
- 4 MR. DAVIS: We'll see.
- 5 A. I do not believe I saw this document.
- 6 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Okay.
- 7 A. It doesn't mean I -- I just don't recall ever
- 8 seeing this document.
- 9 (Marked Wilson Exhibit No. 33.)
- 10 Q. (BY MR. DAVIS) Let me hand you Exhibit 33.
- 11 Have you ever seen that exhibit before today?
- 12 A. From 2008? You know, I think I've seen this
- 13 section -- this format in Section 3.2, because they use
- 14 this long -- I mean, it matches. This attachment
- 15 matches the format in this.
- Q. Did you opine on Exhibit 33?
- 17 A. No. It's not referenced anywhere in my
- 18 documents or in my reports, I don't believe.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. I did reference this document.
- Q. When you say this -- what document are you
- 22 referring to?
- 23 A. The DFMEA done five or seven years after the
- 24 design was complete.

- 1 Q. Just so the record is clear, give me the
- 2 exhibit number.
- A. This would be Exhibit No. 27.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Looks like the format follows the format in
- 6 the attachment, but I didn't opine on Attachment 33.
- 7 Q. And I understand --
- 8 A. It's for any mesh, and it's for certain pad
- 9 sizes. So, you know, I just didn't --
- 10 Q. Well, I understand the format is similar to
- 11 Exhibit 27. My question is: Have you ever seen
- 12 Exhibit 33 before today?
- 13 A. I don't recall.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- MR. DAVIS: I'll reserve the rest of my
- 16 questions -- my time.
- MR. WALLACE: So you're done?
- 18 THE WITNESS: May I take a momentary
- 19 break?
- MR. WALLACE: Yeah. Let me -- so you're
- 21 done?
- MR. DAVIS: Well, it depends on what I
- 23 hear you ask.
- MR. WALLACE: Subject to what I ask, do

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you have any amount of time --
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 2
                    MR. DAVIS: Yeah.
 3
                    MR. WALLACE: Okay. Why don't we take a
    break?
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                    MR. DAVIS: Keep a record of how much
    time I've got left, please.
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 7
                    THE REPORTER: Yes.
 8
                    (Break from 1:05 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.)
 9
                       EXAMINATION
10
    BY MR. WALLACE:
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          Q.
               Ms. Wilson, I have a few questions for you.
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    Okay?
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               Okay.
         Α.
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               You were asked some questions earlier about
15
    CERs, or clinical evaluation reports, or clinical
16
    evidence reports. Do you recall that line of
17
    questioning?
18
         Α.
              Uh-huh.
19
               Is it fair to say, as part of your job as a
          Q.
    consultant to medical device companies, that you
20
    consider CERs?
21
22
         Α.
               Yes.
23
          Q.
               And can you tell me: Did you consider CERs in
    the context of providing your reports in these cases?
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- 1 A. Yes, I mean, we consider that because
- 2 that's -- we consider that and what the clinicians say.
- For example, we use doctors, marketing people,
- 4 clinicians at the start of the risk management process.
- 5 And, you know, then, if the risks -- about the
- 6 risk/benefit analysis, I also spoke about that. If, at
- 7 the end, there's high risk, you go back and use those
- 8 clinicians or, you know, a group of them, to say, "Does
- 9 the risk outweigh the benefit?"
- 10 And then they rely on the literature and
- other things to help perform that. So, yes, as part of
- my job, I've done that on a number of occasions.
- Q. Well, you mentioned a number of times just
- 14 now, and during your deposition, that you're not a
- 15 medical doctor; but you work with clinicians. Can you
- 16 give me, say, a real-life example of where you've worked
- 17 with clinicians as part of a team when there has been a
- 18 product that has had problems?
- 19 A. Actually, there's several of them; but one of
- 20 them was a knee -- was a knee implant, and there was a
- 21 rash of infections. And I was the consultant for them
- in the R&D design control process, and I did a ton of
- 23 risk management with that team. But all of a sudden,
- they had a rash of infections; and, of course, everyone

- 1 wants to blame the user, you know, the doctors, or try
- 2 to figure it out.
- 3 So what we did is we formed a team
- 4 immediately, like, overnight, and got the head of all
- 5 the departments and the VPs involved and clinicians
- 6 involved; and we opened up a kappa. We opened up a --
- 7 you know, a complaint investigation and tried to figure
- 8 it out. Brought devices back from the field. Brought
- 9 similar lot numbers back to see if there was, in fact, a
- 10 manufacturing failure. And it worked out -- it turned
- 11 out that there was a design defect in the mating parts.
- 12 Q. In the what parts?
- 13 A. The mating parts. That's what I was trying to
- 14 get across, that you can't look at each part
- individually, because it was in the analysis that they
- 16 found out that there wasn't enough room between the
- 17 mating parts, that if there was any sort of problem, the
- 18 infection just grew and grew and grew.
- 19 Q. And were you working with actual clinicians in
- 20 connection with that?
- 21 A. Right. We were working with the clinicians,
- 22 the doctors at the hospital, the hospitalists. We
- worked with the regulatory folks, meaning the regulatory
- 24 folks who had to pull the product back. We worked with

- 1 the design engineering and marketing team, the design
- 2 engineers -- you know, quality. It was -- it was a
- 3 pretty big effort. That's what you'd expect to see if
- 4 there's something going on.
- 5 Q. So even though you say you're not a doctor,
- 6 you have to understand a device and the potential risk
- 7 with the device so that you can work and direct --
- 8 A. Right. Another example is I would sit there
- 9 and do, side by side with the doctor, the failure mode
- 10 effect analysis. I'll just take a whole afternoon and
- 11 go, you know, "What could go wrong?" "Well, it could
- 12 hit this nerve." "Okay." Then we go side by -- you
- 13 know, step by step by step. The doctors don't know how
- 14 to do the risk analysis, but they can tell me what the
- 15 harm is associated with failure mode.
- 16 Q. Let's move on to the FDA. Do you recall being
- 17 shown certain documents, including guidance and letters
- 18 from the FDA?
- 19 A. Uh-huh, yes.
- Q. Are you able to offer -- first of all, are you
- 21 able to offer the opinions in your reports in the Wave 1
- 22 cases without reliance on documents from the FDA?
- 23 A. Absolutely.
- Q. And why is that?

- 1 A. Well, first off, the international standards
- 2 and the -- first, I've worked in this for 30 years; so I
- 3 really feel like that's why I can do this as an expert.
- 4 I've done it for a lot of companies which are both
- 5 international -- which are international; and,
- furthermore, they're aliqued standards.
- 7 Q. Okay. Let me show you a particular exhibit,
- 8 Exhibit 25. It's a -- it's called an order or a letter.
- 9 Can you tell me the date at the top of it?
- 10 A. Yeah. It's way back in 1990.
- 11 Q. Okay. And in Exhibit 25, you were asked about
- 12 degradation. Do you recall that line of questioning?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- Q. And you were asked to look at the first
- 15 paragraph on Page 8. Do you see that?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- Q. Or -- I'm sorry -- the last paragraph on
- 18 Page 8.
- 19 A. Oh, yeah. Back here.
- 20 Q. Why don't you take a look at the rest of the
- 21 paragraph, which actually goes on to Page 9, and tell me
- 22 whether or not you actually think this document supports
- 23 your opinion that the -- where the device may be
- 24 implanted in its intended use is critical.

- 1 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.
- 2 A. Let me see if I understand this. Well, first
- 3 I'd have to look at these references, but -- to know.
- 4 But what it's telling me is that you have to look --
- 5 wait a minute. You have to look at where the various
- 6 sites are, how the healing is done, and look at the
- 7 methods.
- 8 You can't just apply this universally --
- 9 and that's what I was really trying to say -- ahead of
- 10 time. You can't take a tensile thing, a tensile --
- 11 sorry -- a suture test done in 1990 and apply it
- 12 universally to other places.
- Q. (BY MR. WALLACE) And you believe that's
- 14 actually supportive of that opinion that you have to
- 15 consider where the device might be and its intended use,
- 16 right?
- MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.
- 18 A. Well, that's -- yeah, that's what I said
- 19 originally, too. I just want to make sure I'm on the
- 20 right --
- Q. (BY MR. WALLACE) You are.
- 22 A. -- page. Because here it talks about
- 23 inflammatory response. I mean, you have to evaluate it
- 24 not in a vacuum. You have to look at the risks in

- 1 various actual -- it says even at any given wound site.
- 2 You can't just apply it "one size fits all."
- Q. Thank you.
- 4 Now, you were asked some questions earlier
- 5 about ISO standard 10993. Do you recall being asked --
- 6 A. Yes, I do.
- 7 Q. -- a lot of questions about that?
- 8 A. Uh-huh.
- 9 Q. And you indicated at some point that -- with
- 10 respect to whether or not you were an expert with some
- of the testing. Do you recall, generally, that line of
- 12 questioning?
- 13 A. Yeah, yes.
- Q. Are you an expert when it comes to risk
- 15 assessment of the biocompatibility standards enunciated
- 16 in 10993?
- 17 A. Yes. I mean, I look at the risk assessment
- 18 portion of it; but I don't actually perform the tests.
- 19 Q. So, in other words, you're not actually the
- 20 microbiologist that would go out and talk to the company
- 21 about doing a cytotoxicity test?
- 22 A. I'm not the microbiologist, but I've been --
- 23 we've done -- I'm very familiar with it. We had to do
- 24 lot-by-lot cytotox testing in -- like in the heart

- valves, for every single -- I've had to qualify
- 2 cytotoxicity measurement devices in my experience, in
- 3 water systems, for cytotoxicity and things like that.
- But I don't -- and we tell companies, "You
- 5 should do this test, this test, per
- 6 ISO 10993, Part 1." But what I was referring to is the
- 7 fact that I don't actually go out there and, you know,
- 8 do the tests.
- 9 Q. You're not the laboratory --
- 10 A. I'm not the lab.
- 11 Q. -- that would be hired --
- 12 A. Right.
- 13 Q. -- to do the test?
- 14 A. Right. So maybe I misunderstood.
- Q. But is it fair to say that you understand the
- 16 risk assessment and the -- and the various tests under
- 17 10993 --
- 18 A. Yeah, I mean --
- 19 Q. -- in connection with your practice?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. You were asked a number of times during the
- 22 deposition whether or not a list was complete or not,
- 23 and you wanted to consult your report. Do you -- do you
- 24 recall, a number of times, being asked those types of

- 1 questions?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that all of the
- 4 opinions that you have to offer in these cases are
- 5 contained in your reports?
- 6 A. My reports state my opinions. That's not a
- 7 problem. That's not an issue. But when the question
- 8 was are they the universe of harm, you know, my report
- 9 says the important things.
- 10 Q. And you were given some documents that it was
- 11 unclear whether or not you had seen them before.
- 12 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you remember that?
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. Are you willing to consider any additional
- 16 facts or data, even if they may not support your
- 17 opinions?
- 18 A. Sure. And I even said I would be glad to take
- 19 a look at those and review them. I'm quite sure that
- 20 was on my -- on the record already.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 MR. WALLACE: I have no further
- 23 questions.
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                       EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. DAVIS:
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          Q.
               Just a couple follow-ups.
                    Am I still correct: You did not utilize
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    ISO 10993 in connection with your work on this case, did
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    you?
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               I did review -- I answered that question, that
         Α.
    I reviewed a risk assessment related to 10993.
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    believe I also said is I did not go back and perform a
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    gap analysis to that standard to make sure that
11
    everything was -- you know, the T's were crossed and the
    I's were dotted.
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               Does ISO 10993 address degradation?
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          Q.
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         Α.
               I assume the 10993 does address any
    products (sic) of degradation. There's a test in there.
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          Ο.
               Does it address oxidative degradation?
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                    MR. WALLACE: Objection to form.
               I don't know, off the top of my head.
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         Α.
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                                That's all I have.
                    MR. DAVIS:
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                    THE REPORTER: Read and sign?
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                    MR. WALLACE: Uh-huh.
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                    THE REPORTER: Sending it where?
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                    MR. WALLACE: To me.
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(The deposition concluded at 1:29 p.m.)

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